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and

volume

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Leaker

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Skip and Loafer

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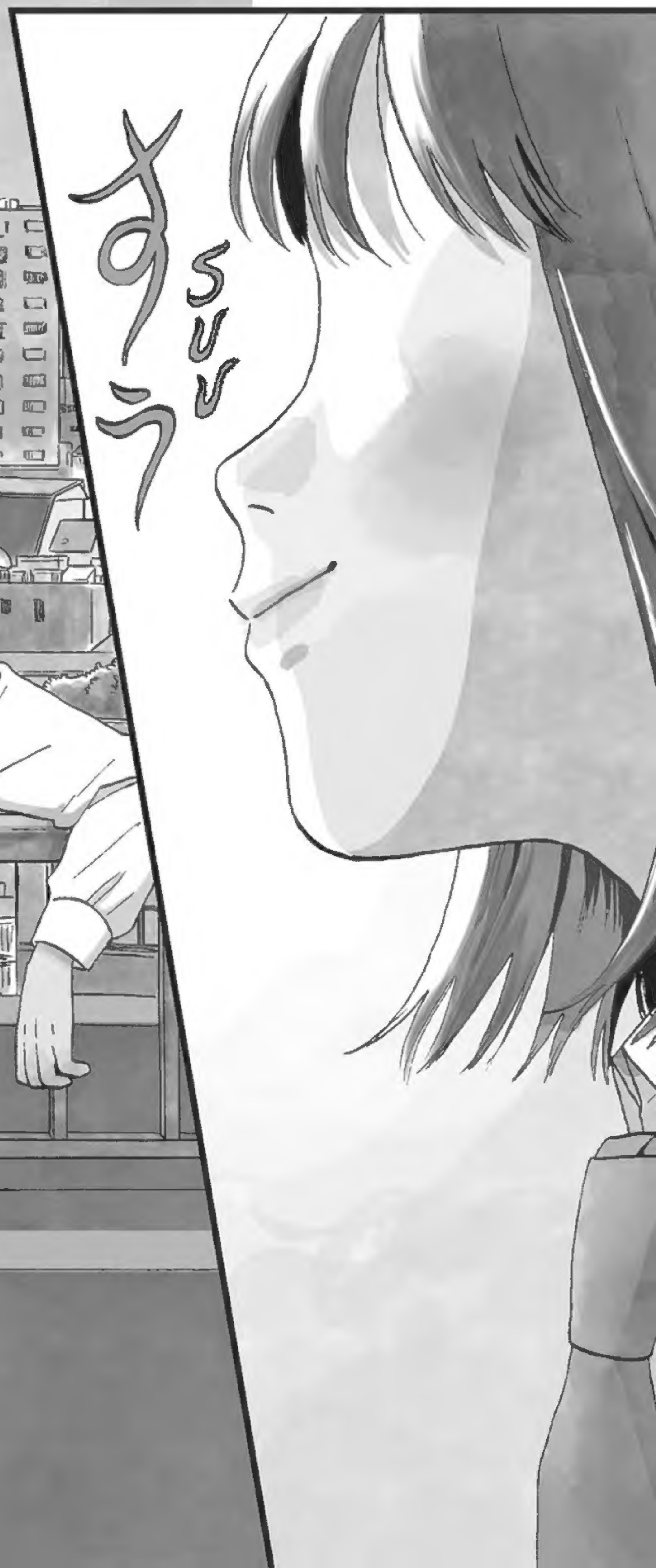
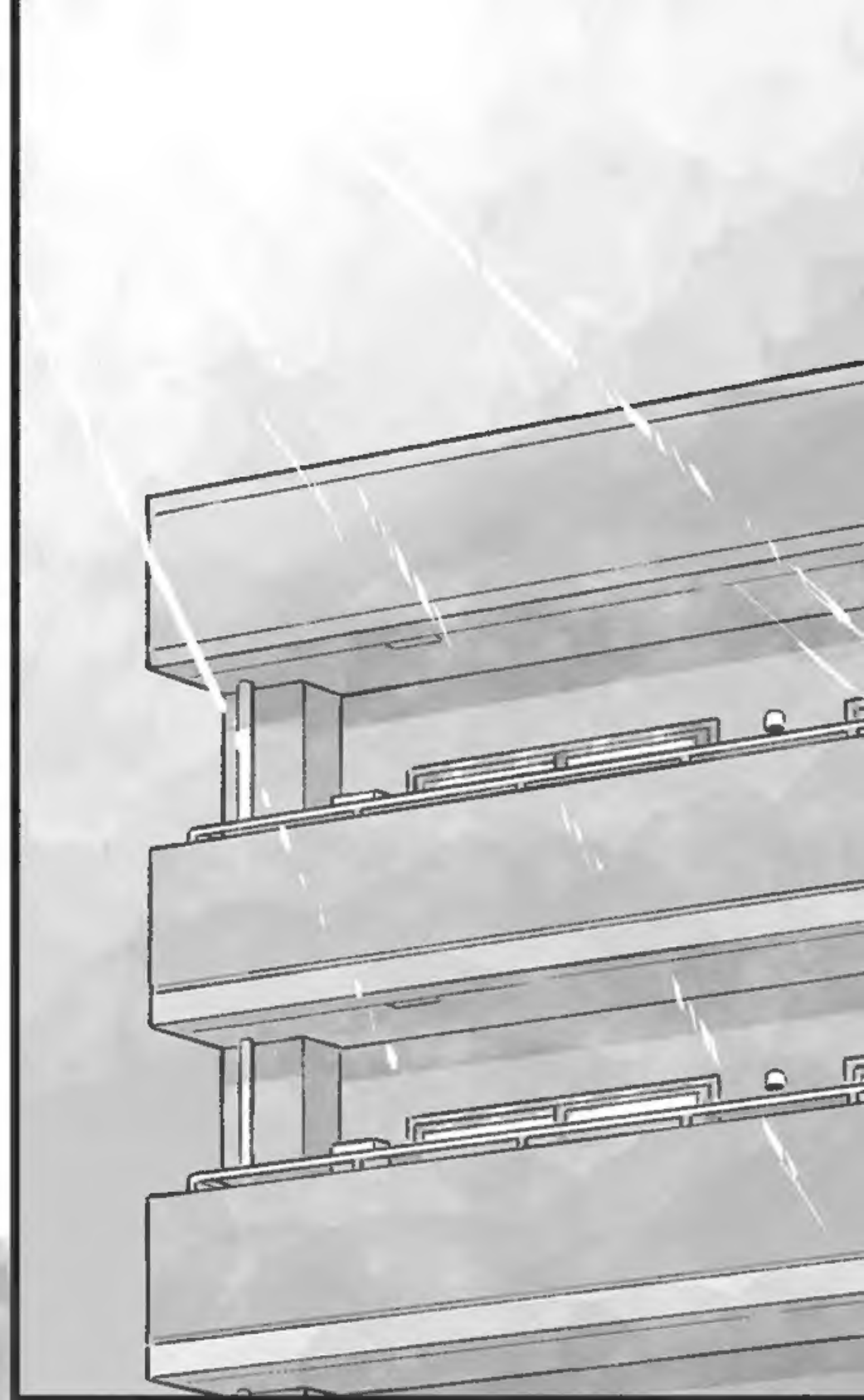
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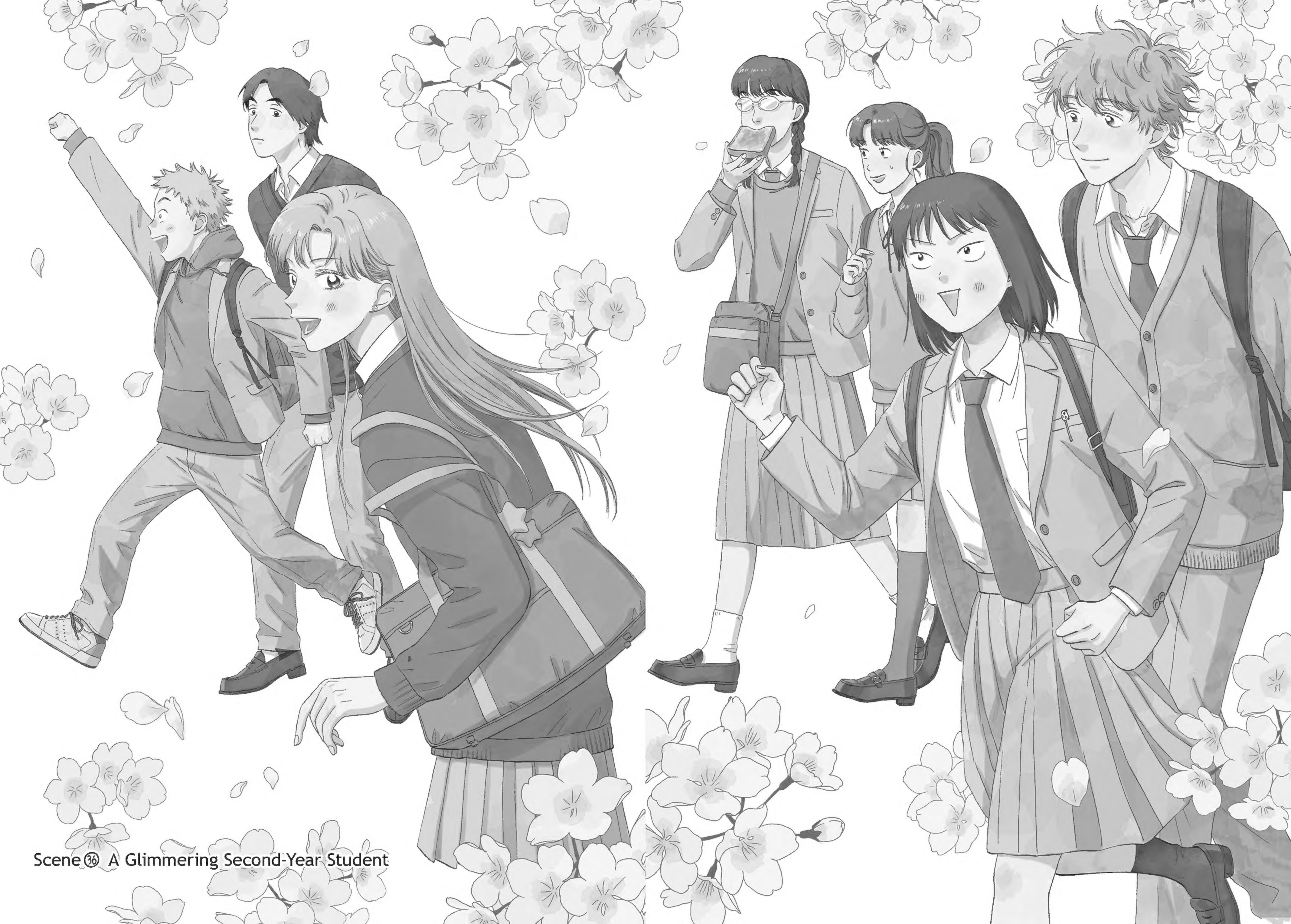
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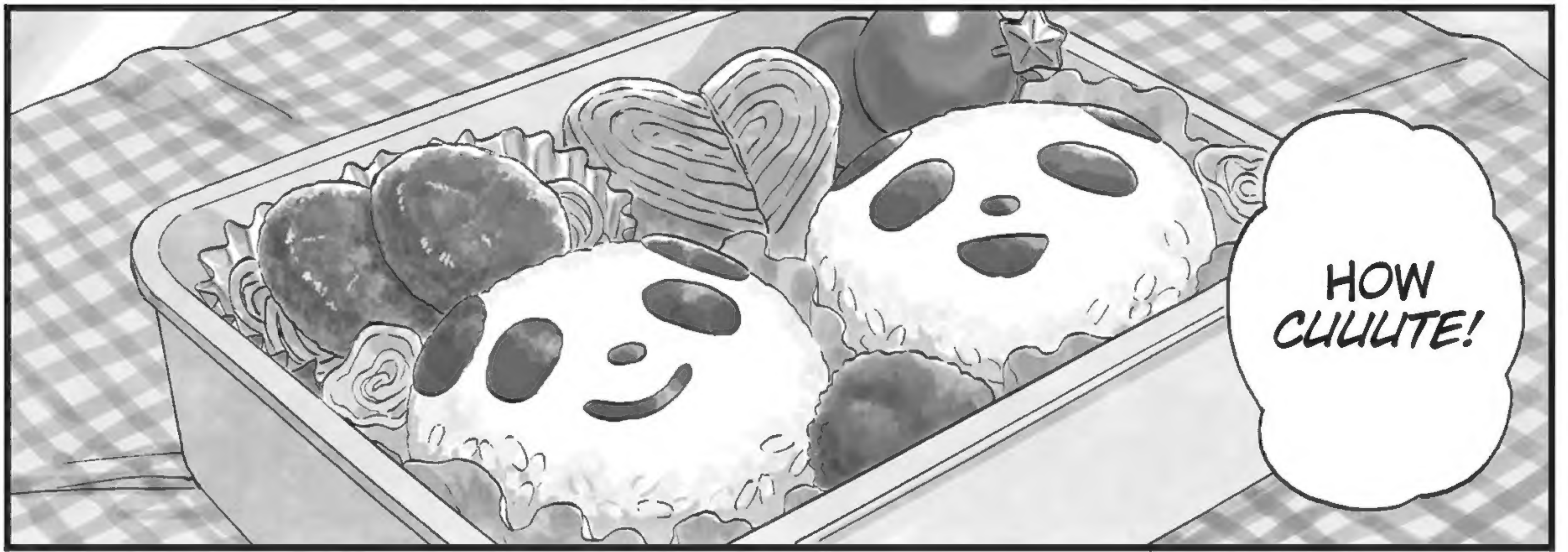
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Scene 36 A Glimmering Second-Year Student



HOW CUUTE!



SINCE YOU'LL BE EATING LUNCH WITH YOUR NEW CLASSMATES TODAY...

I THOUGHT IT'D BE A CONVERSATION STARTER.

ANYWAY, IT'S A SPECIAL OCCASION. I CAN'T MAKE YOU ONE EVERY DAY, Y'KNOW.



Hee hee.

IT TURNED OUT FABULOUSLY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

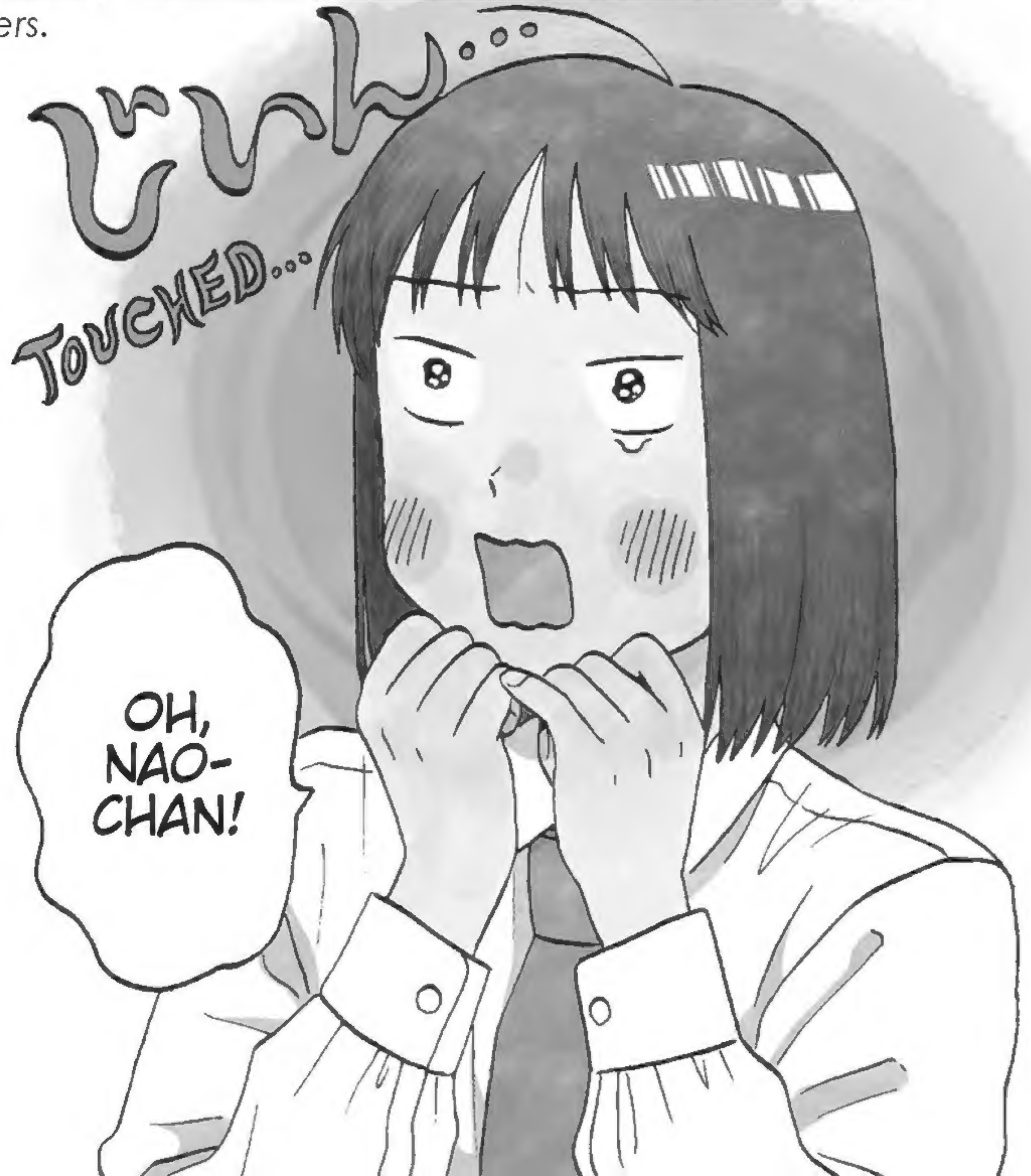
THAT'S A KYARABEN,* AIN'T IT?!

*Character bento. A boxed lunch featuring cute characters.



I'M GONNA SHOW IT OFF TO EVERYONE!

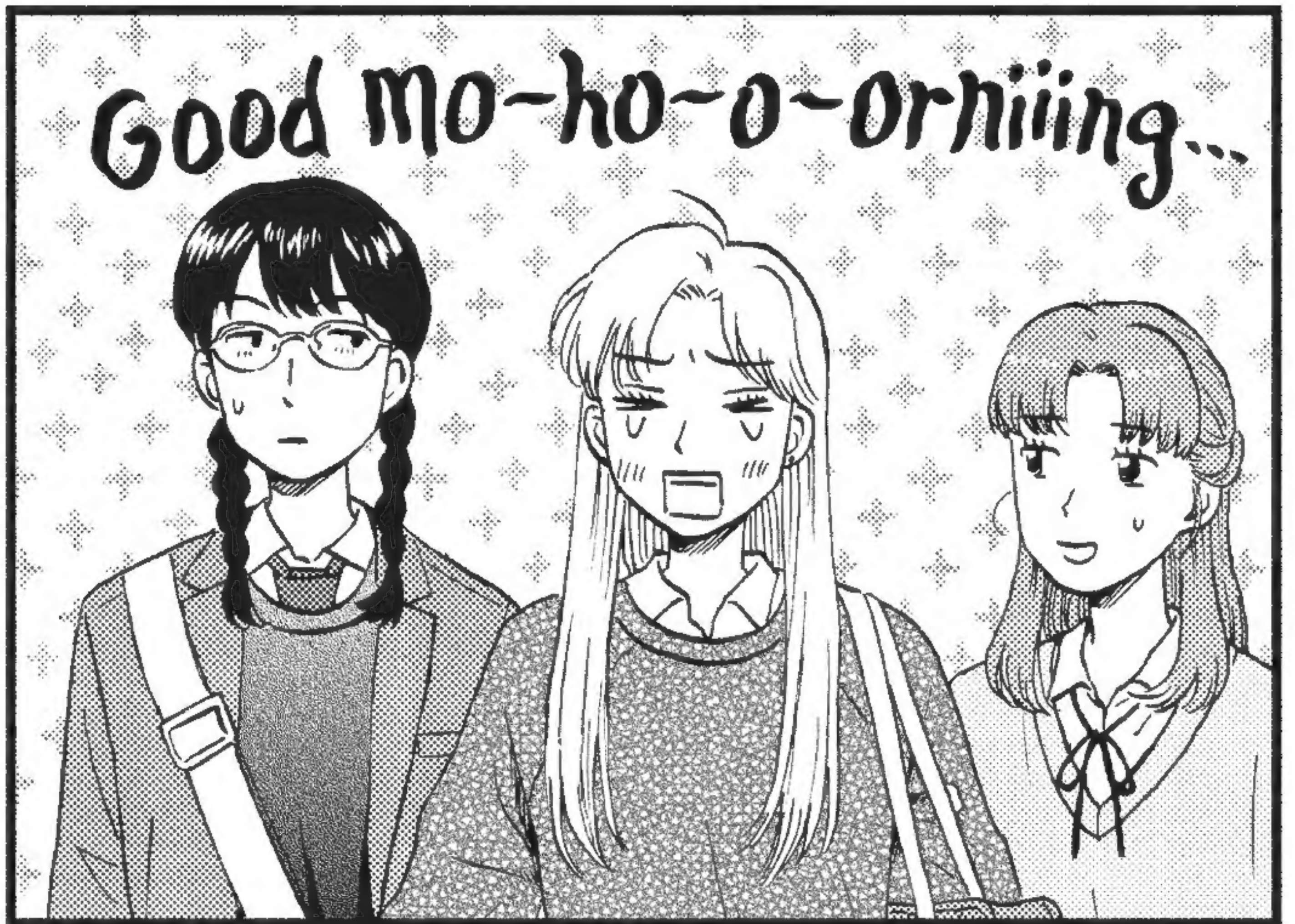
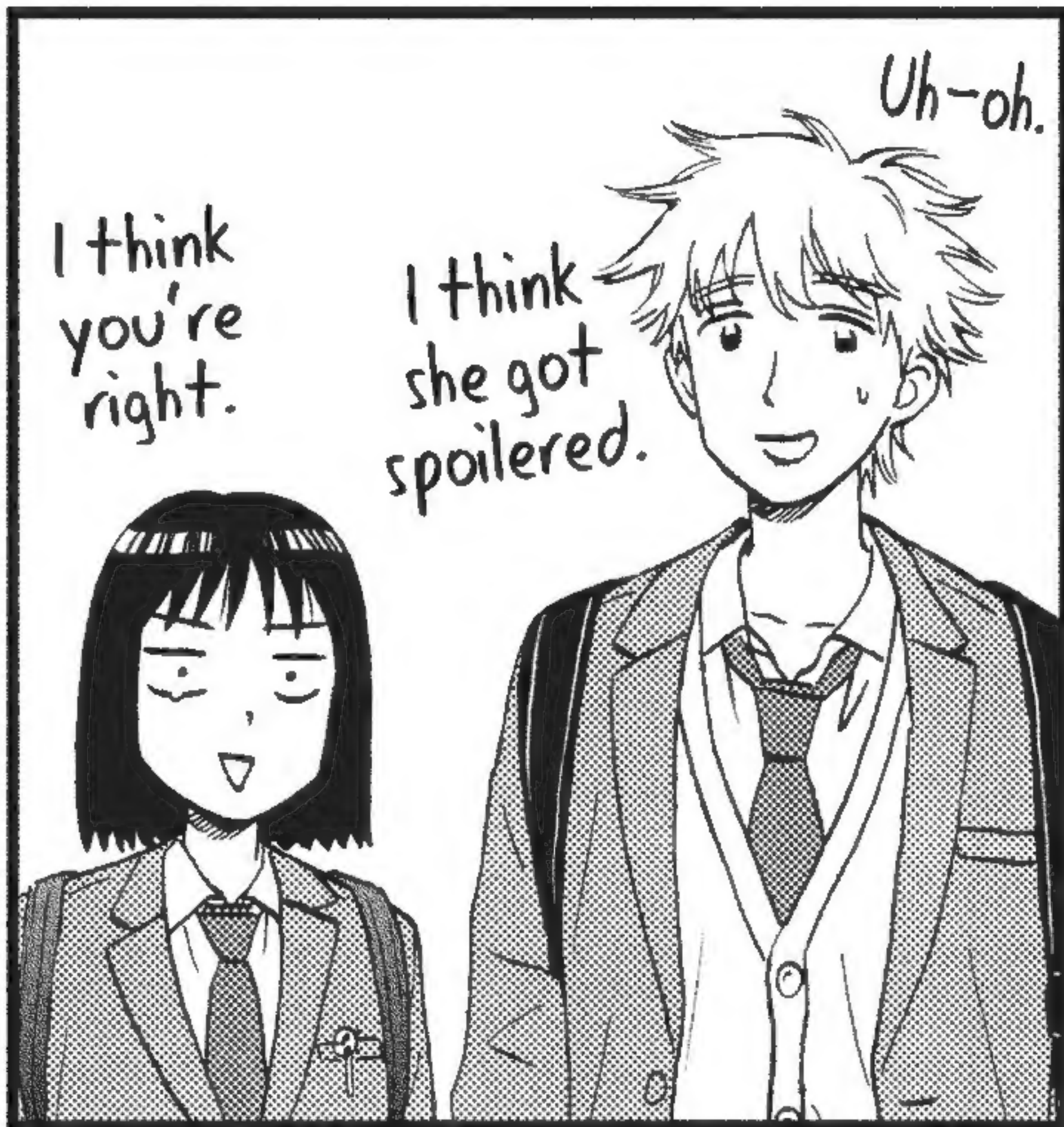
DON'T BRAG SO MUCH THAT YOU TURN YOUR FRIENDS OFF, M'KAY?



じいん... TOUCHED...

OH, NAO-CHAN!





BREAKDOWN

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Mitsumi



Makoto



CLASS 2



Shima

Mika



CLASS 5

Mukai

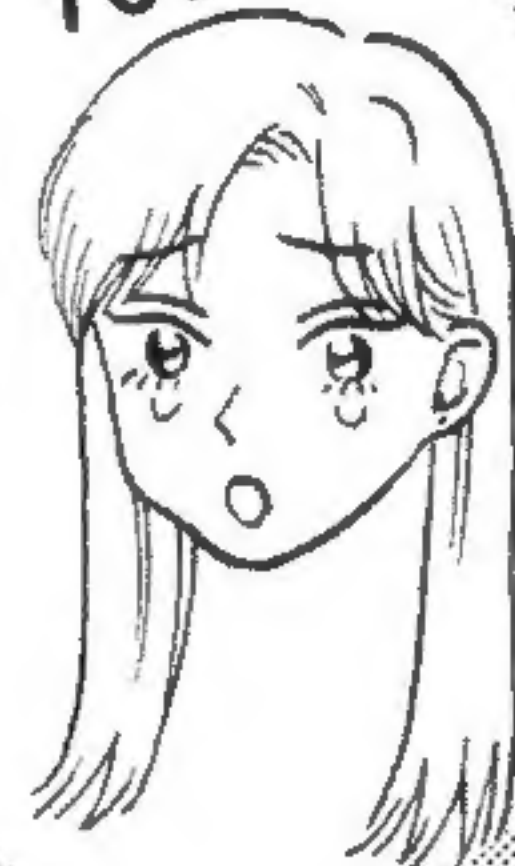


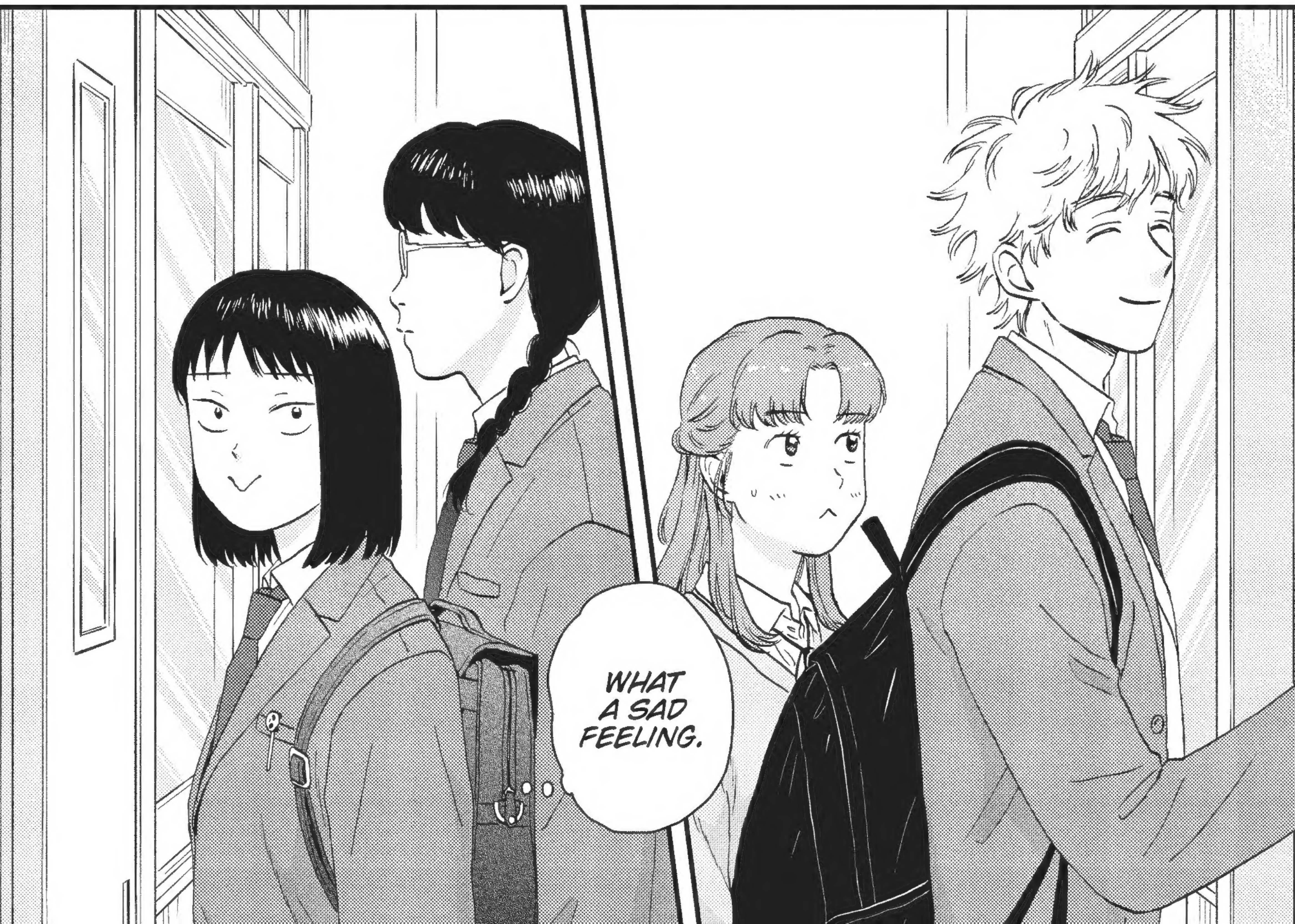
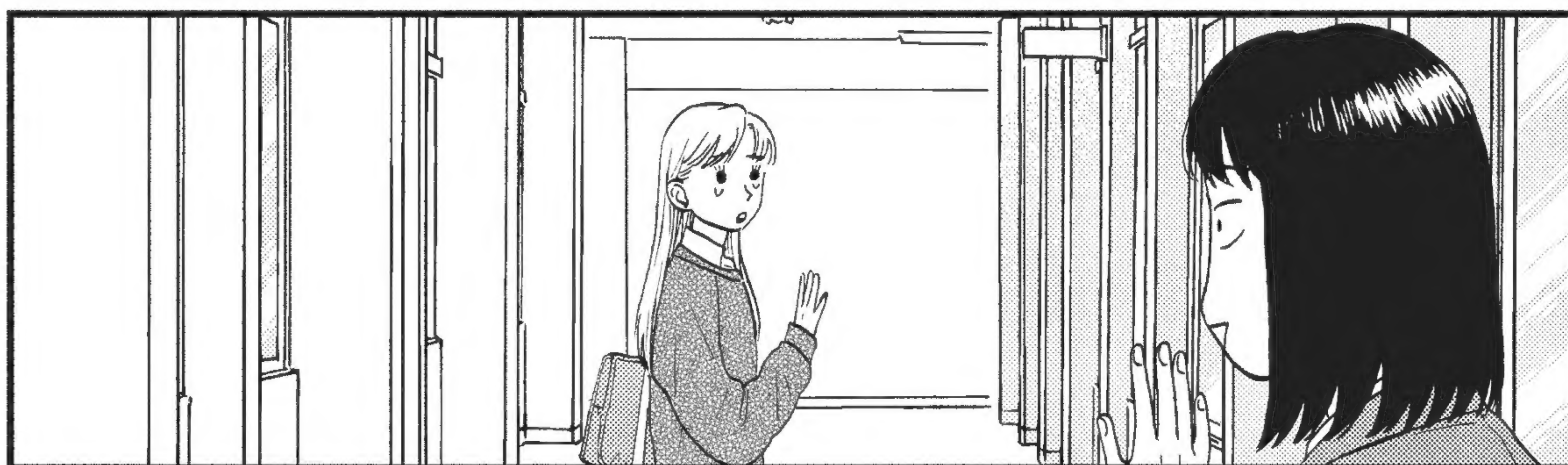
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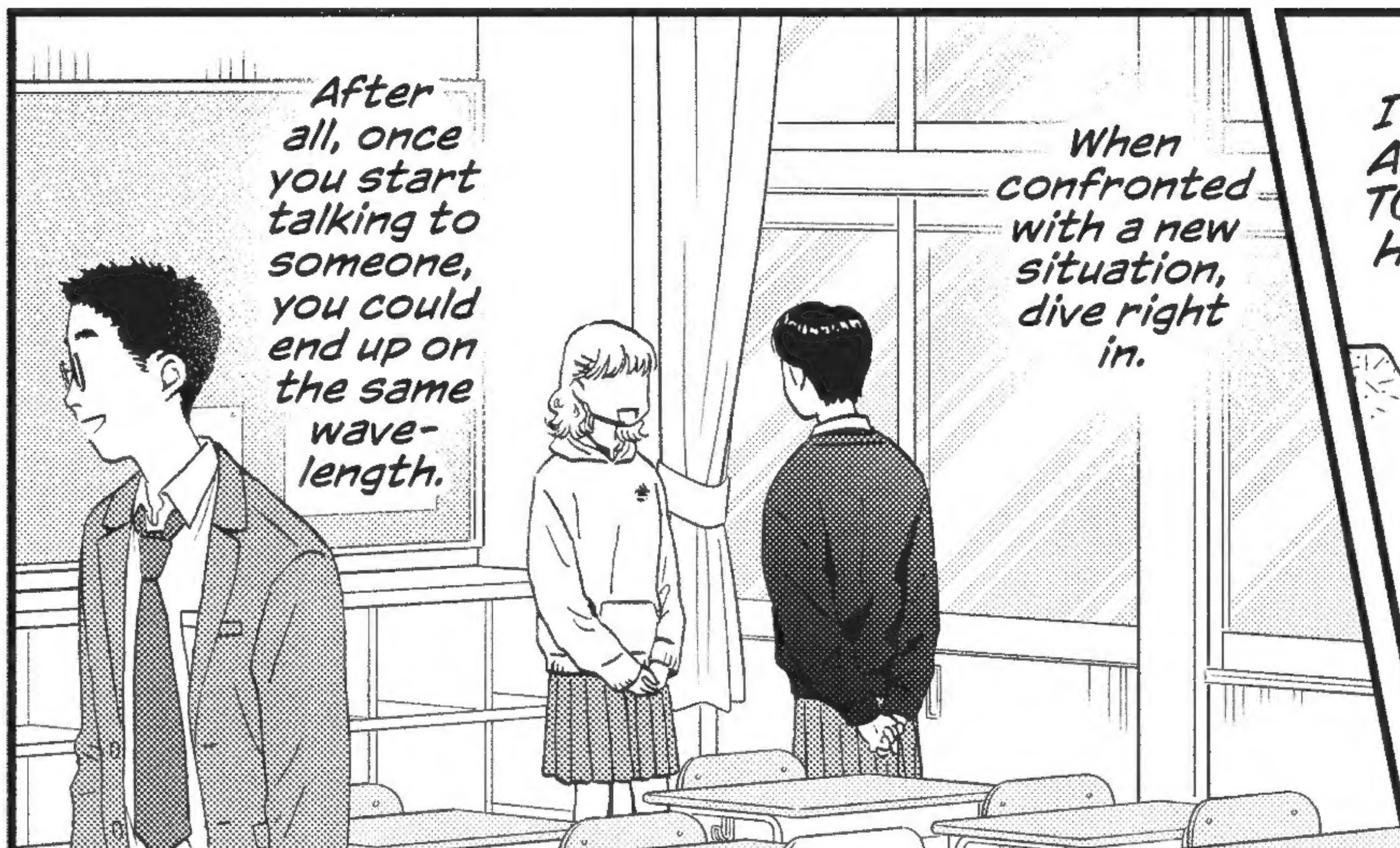


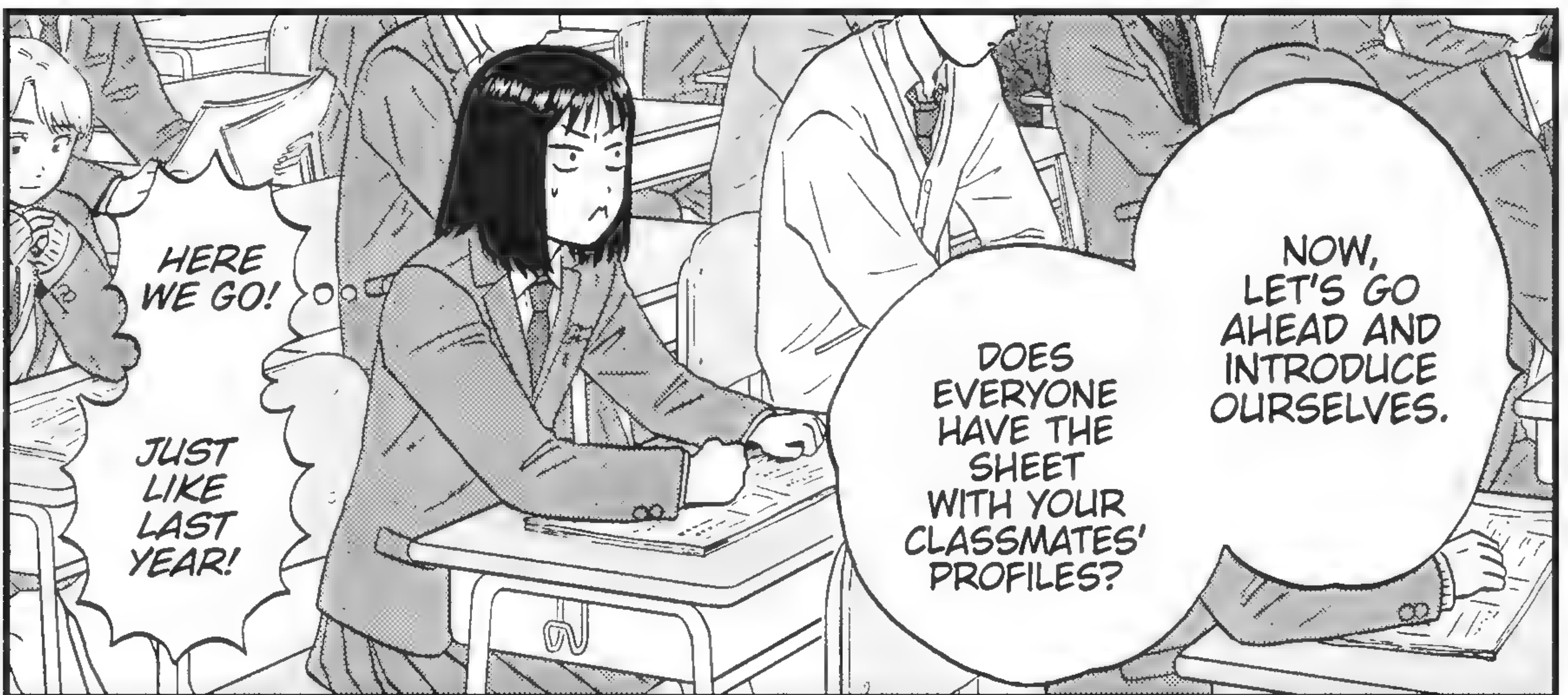
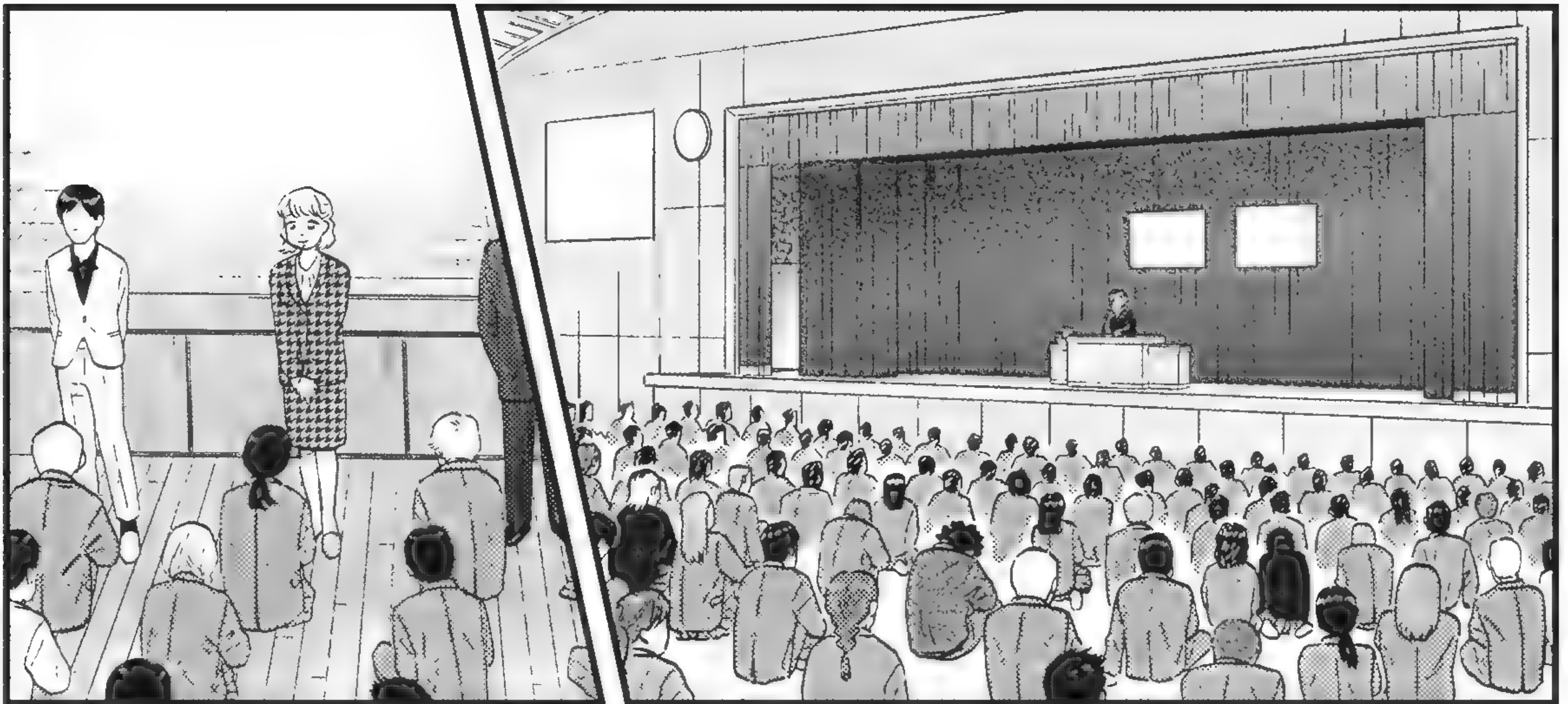
CLASS 4

YUZU

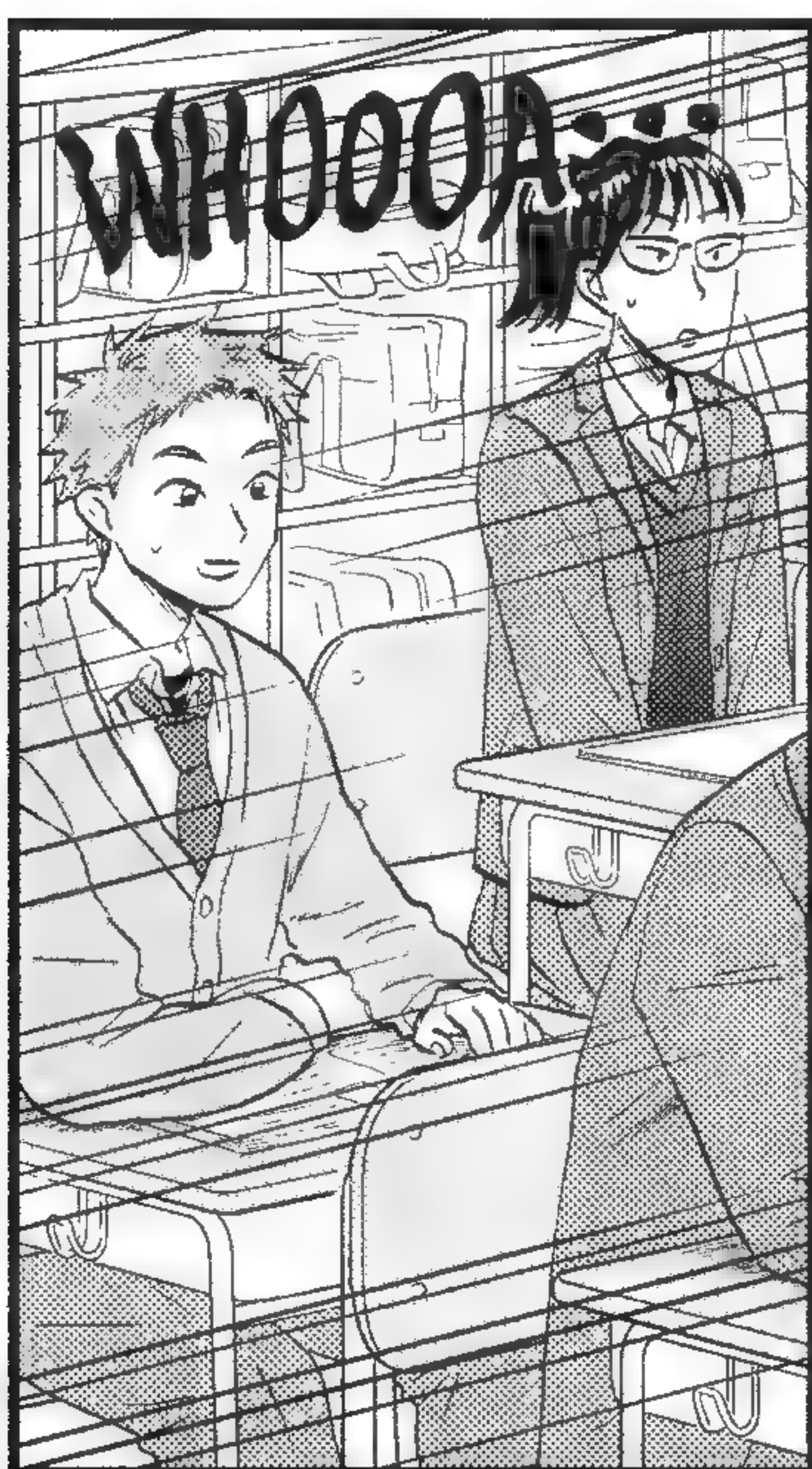
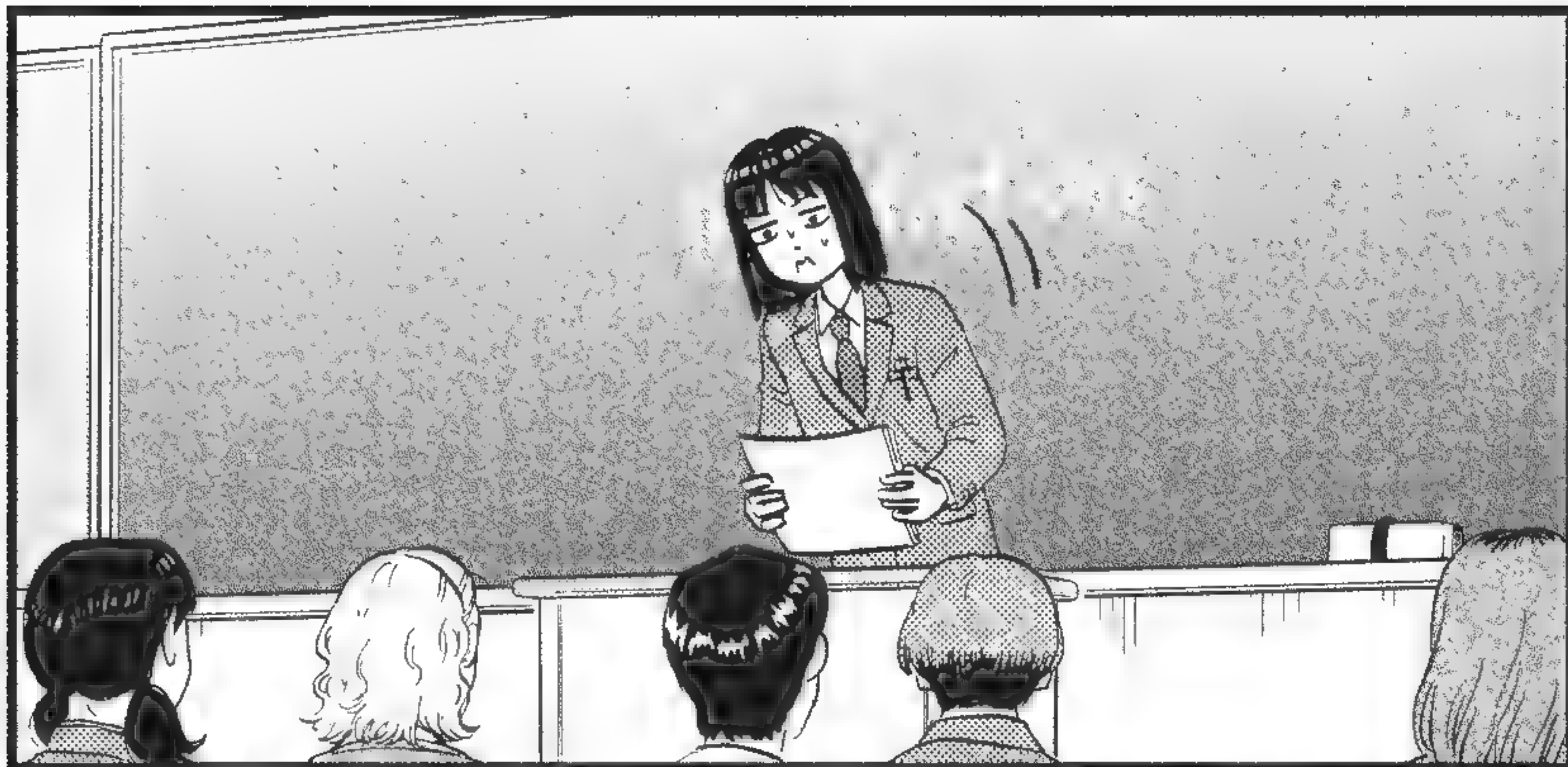


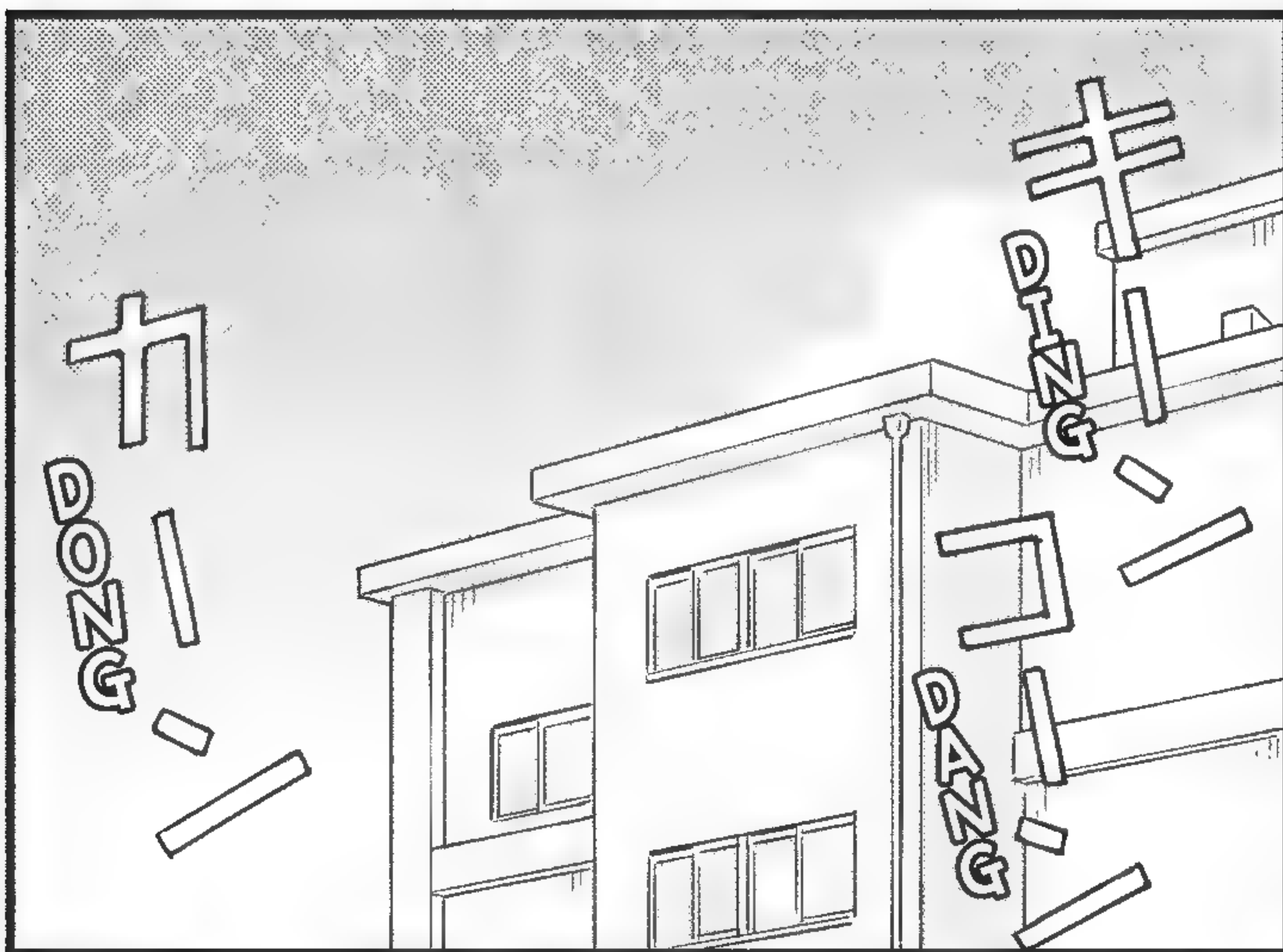
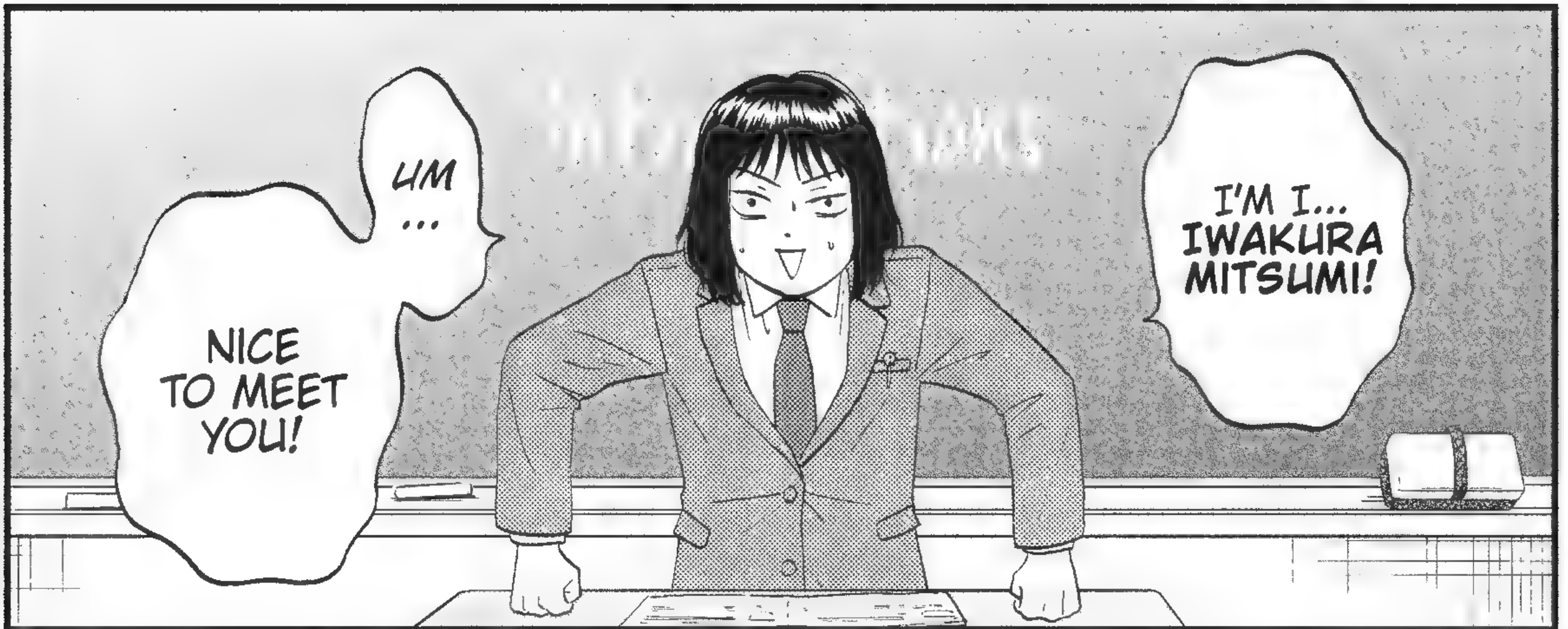


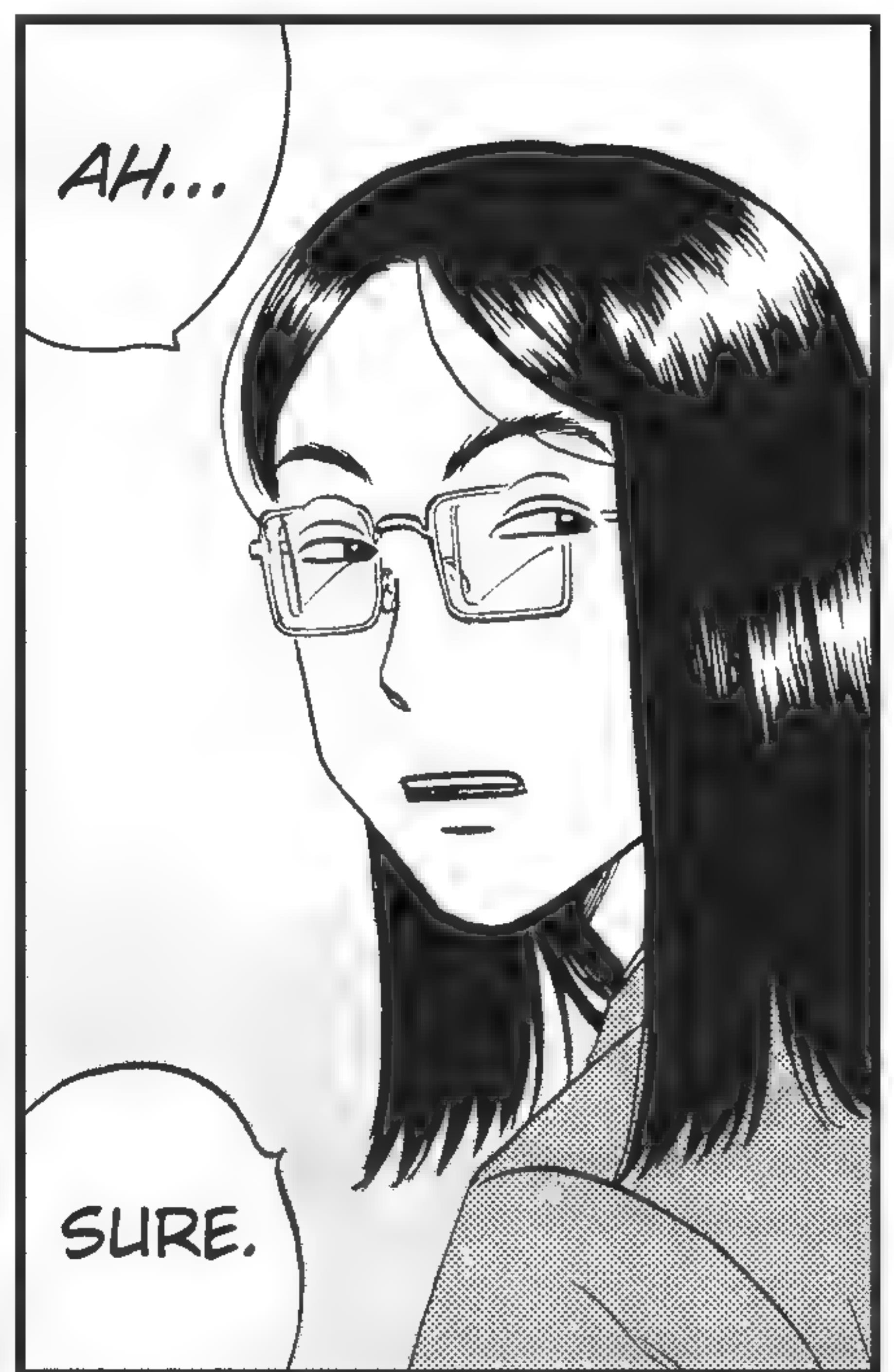
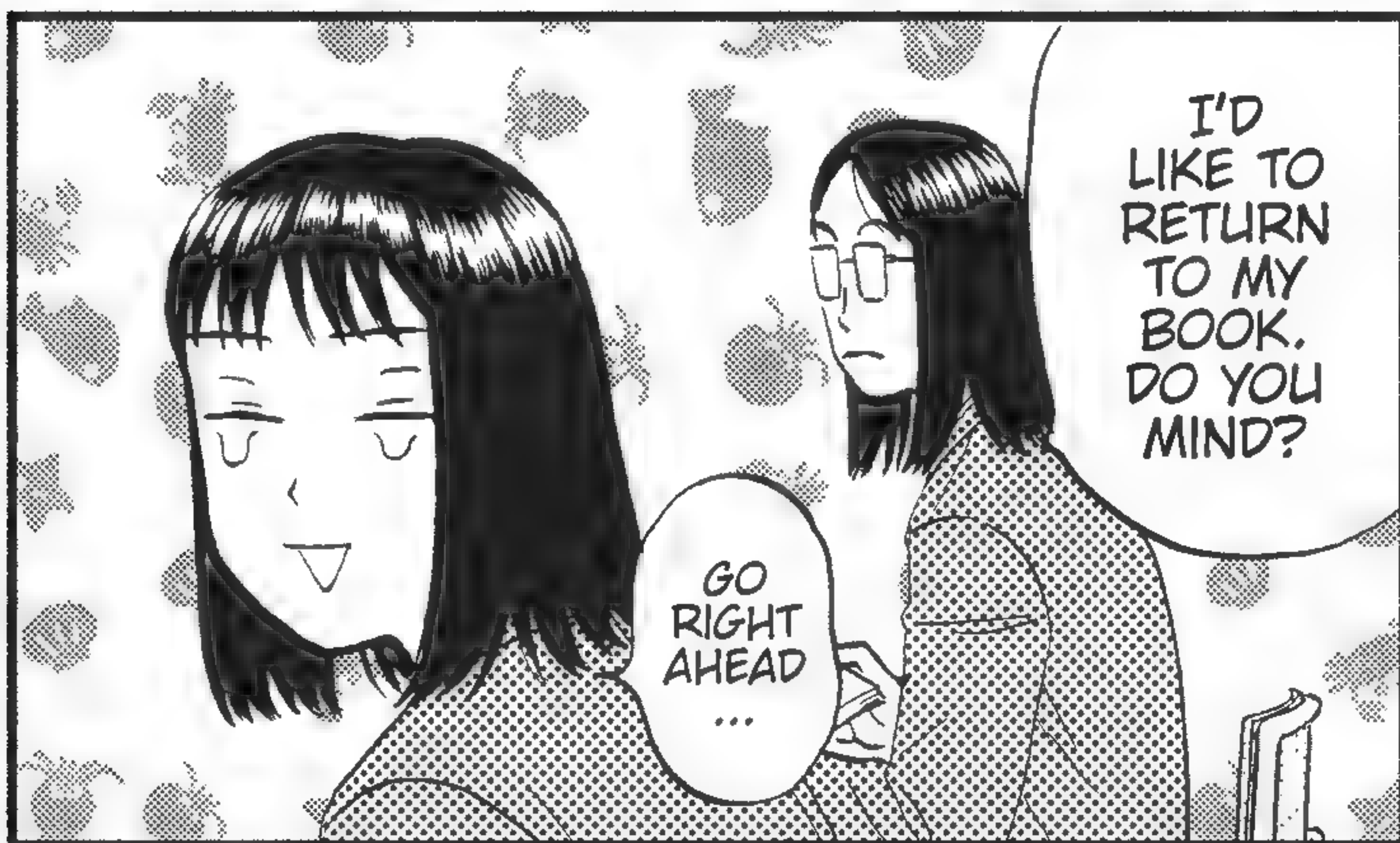
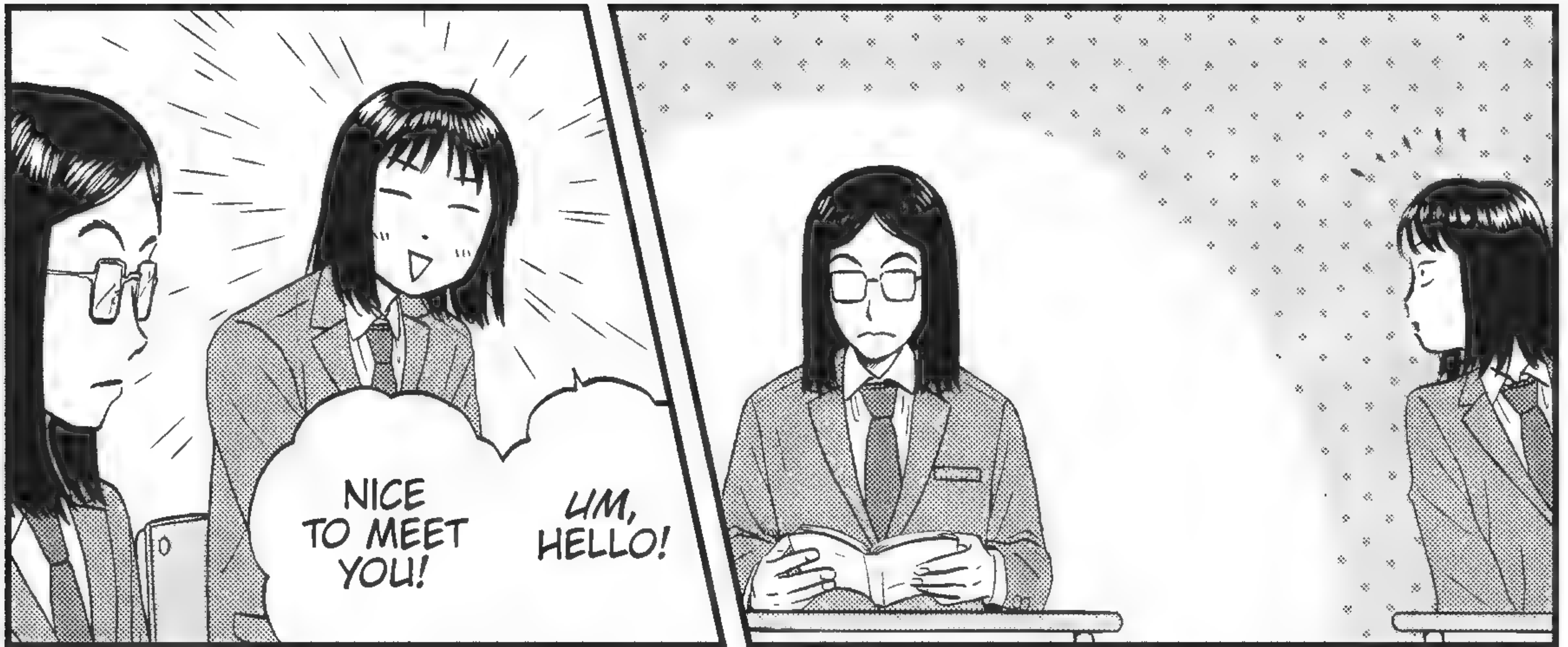




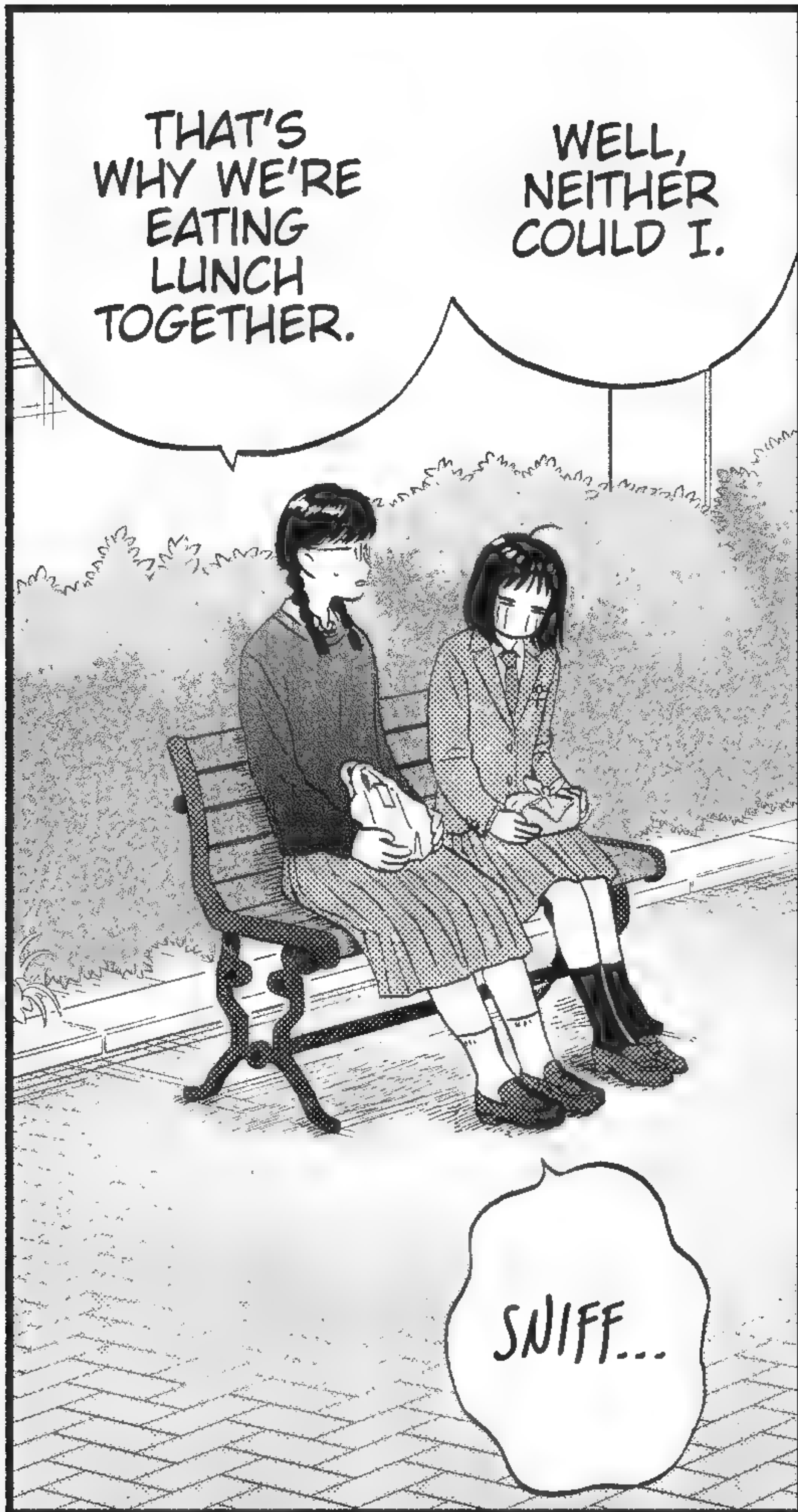














SO FAR,
I FEEL LIKE
IT'S WEIRDLY
HARDER TO BE
PART OF THE
CONVERSATION
THAN LAST
YEAR.

WHENEVER
I TRY TO
JOIN IN, THE
RESPONSE IS
LUKEWARM
AT BEST.

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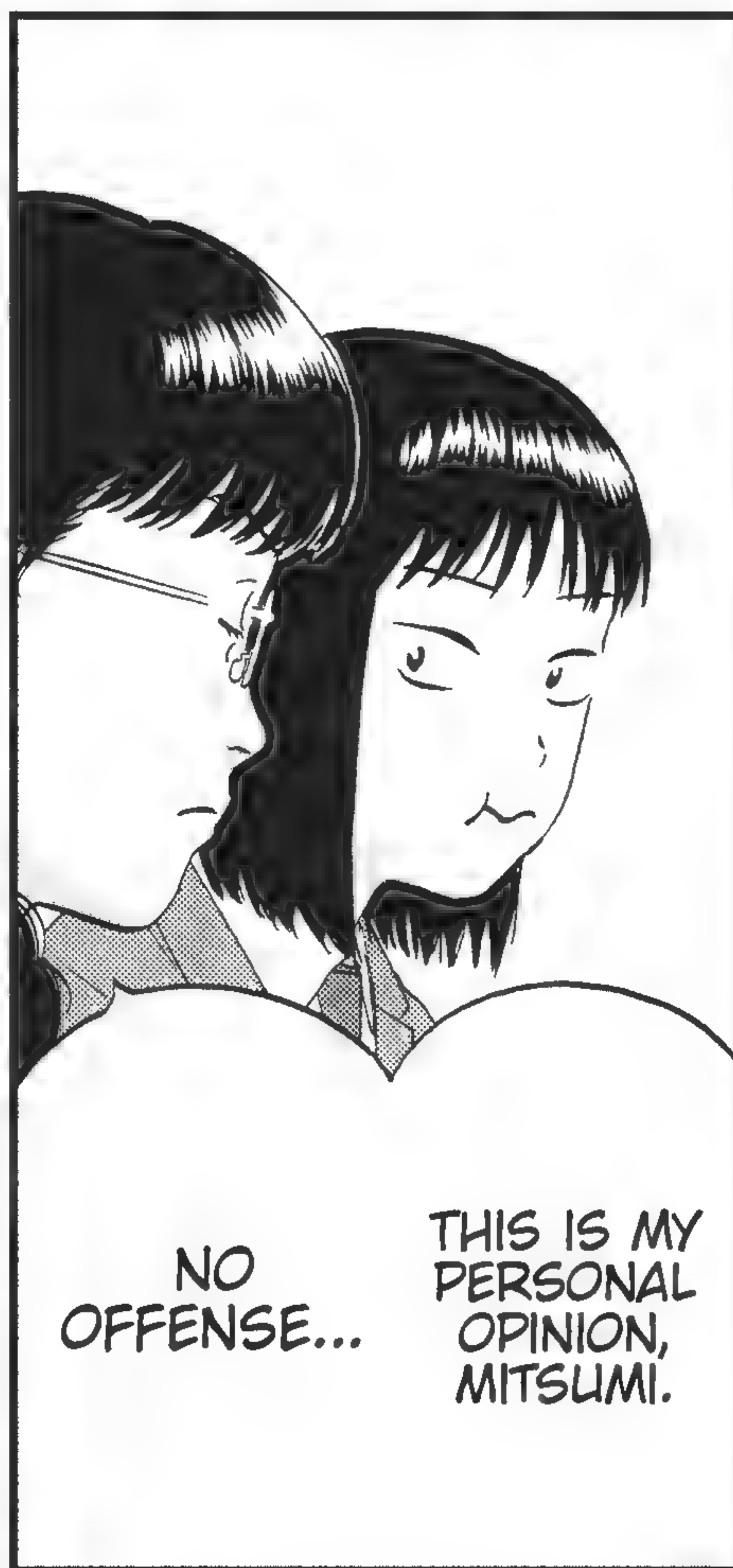
LISTEN,
DO YOU
MIND...

IF I
VENT?

SURE.



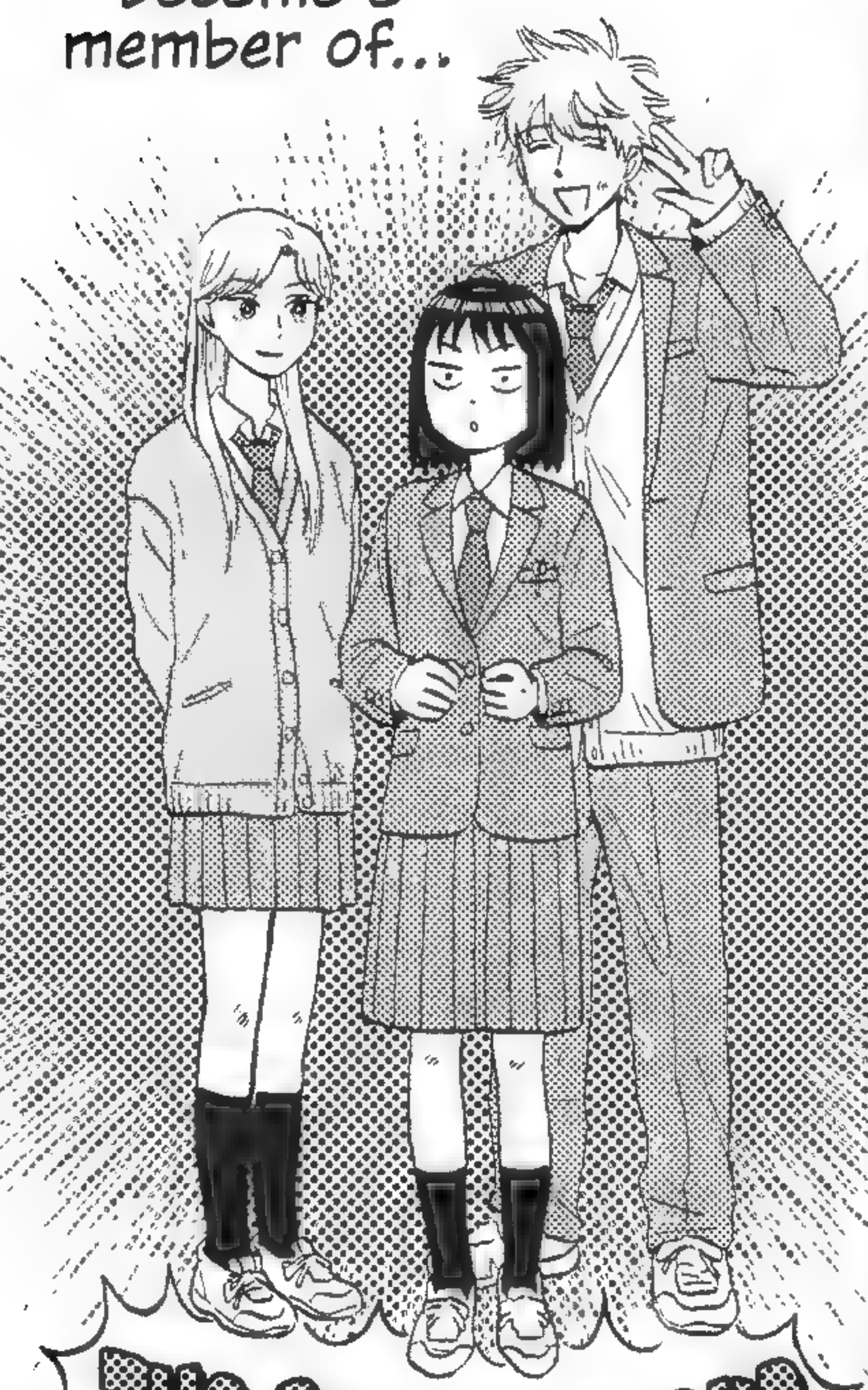
BUT I THINK
YOU BLEW
THROUGH
YOUR LUCK AT
THE START OF
OUR FIRST
YEAR.



NO
OFFENSE...

THIS IS MY
PERSONAL
OPINION,
MITSUMI.

So, within
a week of
entering
school, you
became a
member of...



THE POWER GROUP

Naturally, that
gave you a free
pass into all
kinds of shiny
group events.

whether
you knew
it or not.

Well, maybe
that's because
no one invited
me out for
dinner or
karaoke back
then!

Do I
sound
bitter?



Next,
Yuzu. You
hit it off
with her
pretty
quickly.

And the
boys are
seriously
into her.

Whenever
a boy
from class
pinged
me, it'd be
for her.

Blech.

Let's
start with
Shima
Sousuke.

He
has this...
aura that
puts him in
the upper
echelons of
the school
hierarchy.

And he
asked you
to be
friends on
the first
day? That
was huge.



WHAAAT?!
BUT...
THAT'S...



...
?!

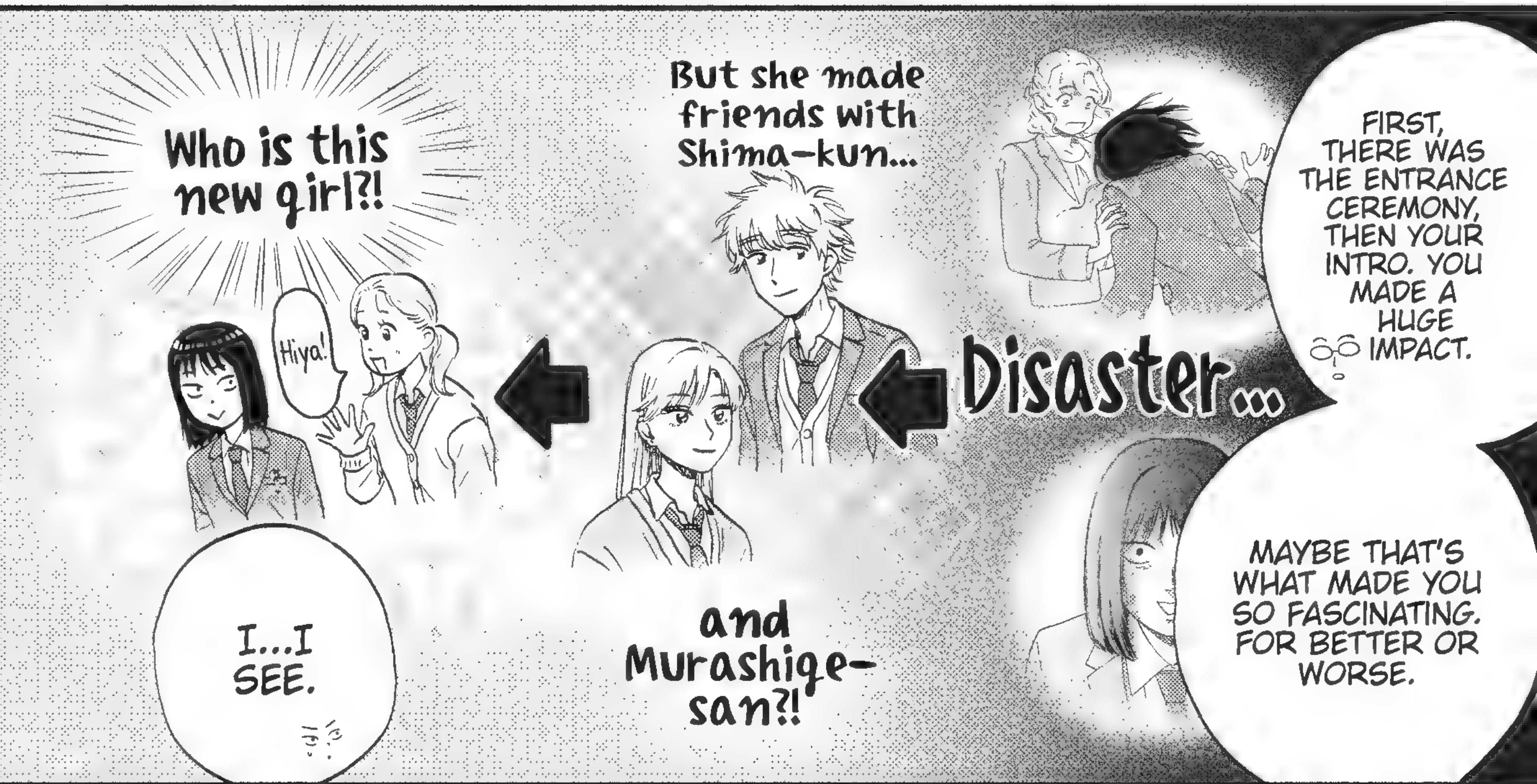


HEY. DOESN'T THIS BOTHER YOU?

Told you.

Ah, memories.

THAT'S SHOCKINGLY PLAUSIBLE! WHEN WE FIRST TALKED, YUZU-CHAN TOLD ME I WAS BEING USED!



Who is this new girl?!

Hiya!

But she made friends with Shima-kun...

FIRST, THERE WAS THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, THEN YOUR INTRO. YOU MADE A HUGE IMPACT.

Disaster ∞

I...I SEE.

and Murashige-san?!

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT MADE YOU SO FASCINATING. FOR BETTER OR WORSE.



YOU HAVEN'T LEFT MUCH OF A MARK. ANYHOW, THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.

BUT SINCE YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ODD YET...

Uh...Right.

The girl who played it safe.

It's her.

Yay! We're in the same class!

PEOPLE IN THE SAME CLASS DO TEND TO GET ALONG.

AND AFTER BEING HERE A YEAR, EVERYONE'S ALREADY MADE FRIENDS IN CLUBS AND CLASSES.

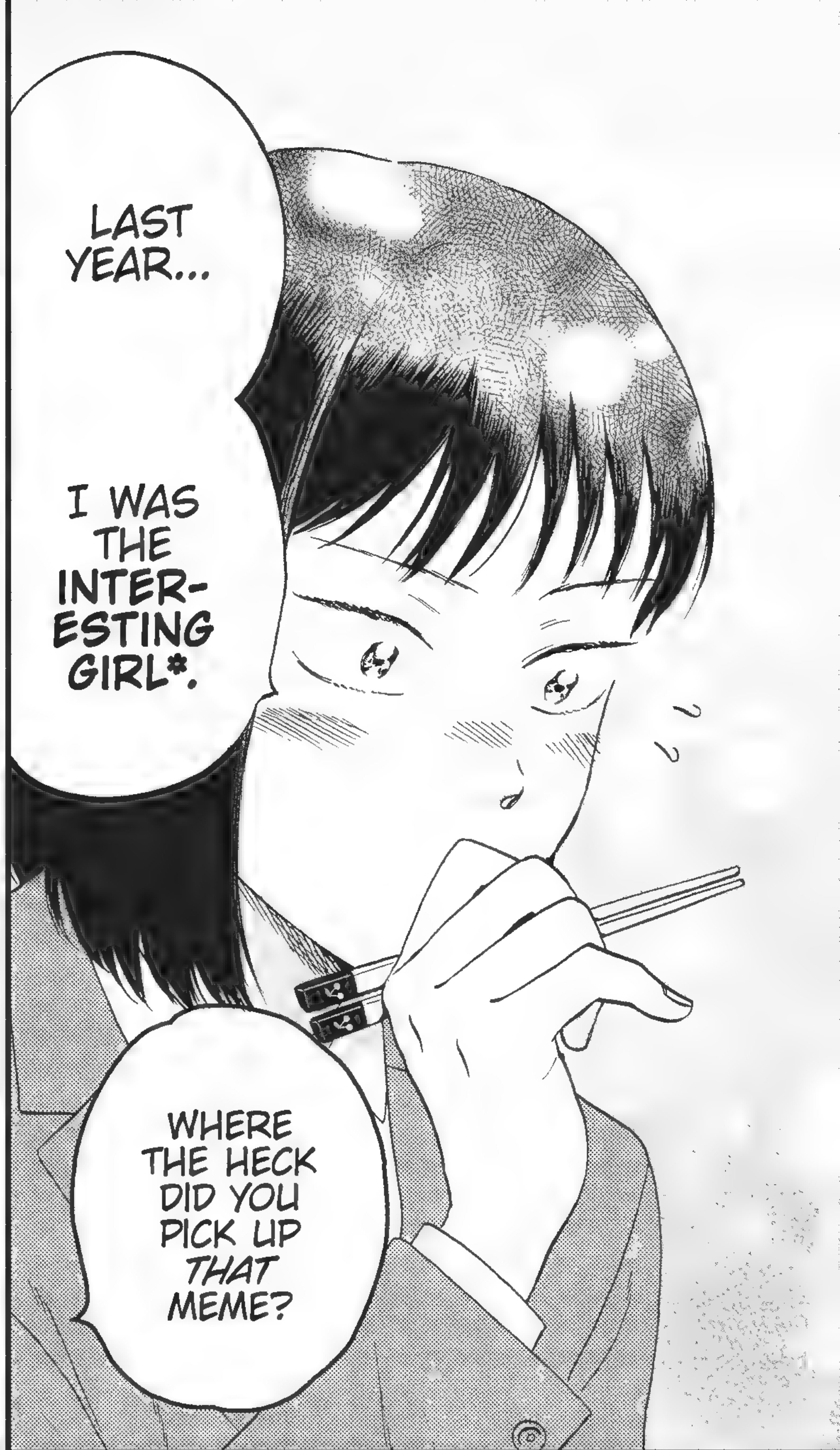


MOST OF OUR CLASSMATES ARE FOCUSED ON PEOPLE THEY ALREADY KNOW AND LIKE.

ANYWAY, I THINK IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL THAT WAY.

OH MF

ME? I THINK ONLY SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD SHARE A MUTUAL FONDNESS.

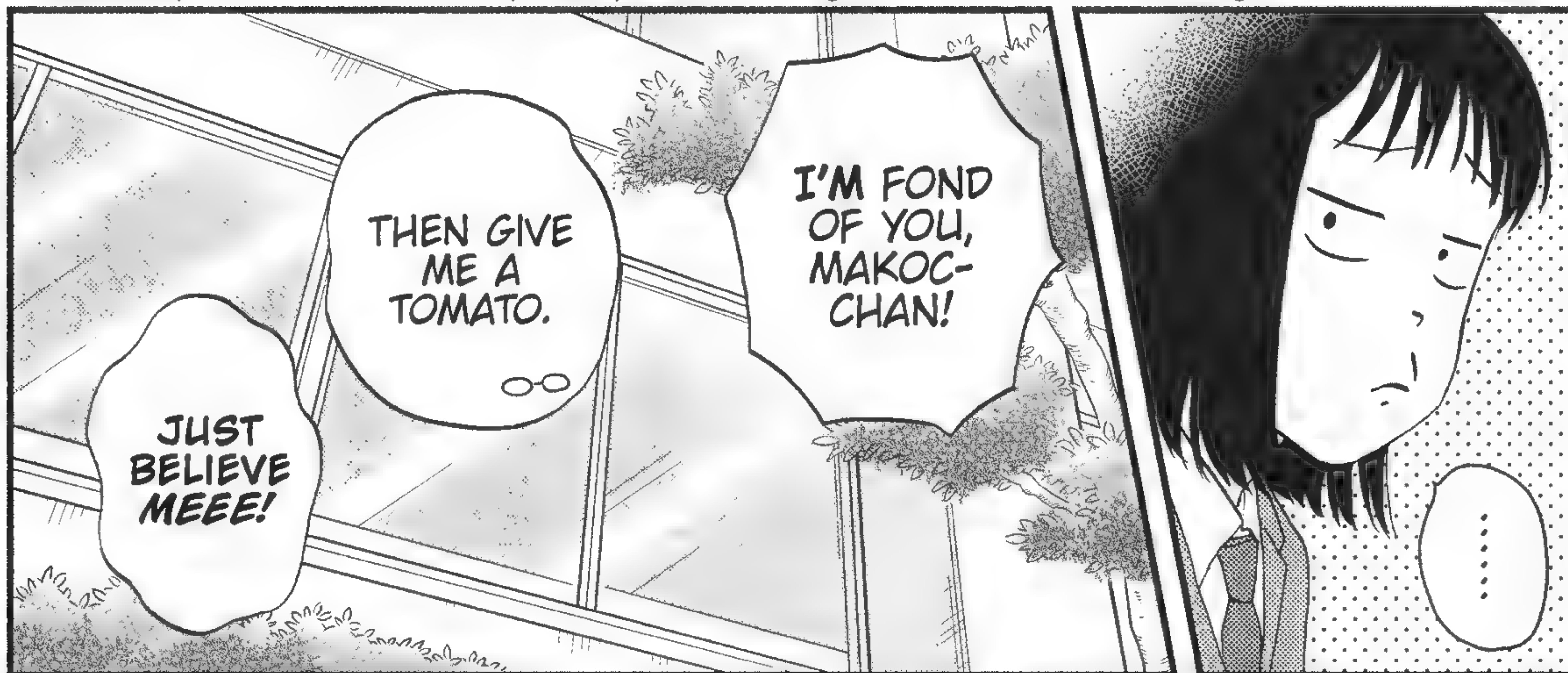


LAST YEAR...

I WAS THE INTERESTING GIRL*.

WHERE THE HECK DID YOU PICK UP THAT MEME?

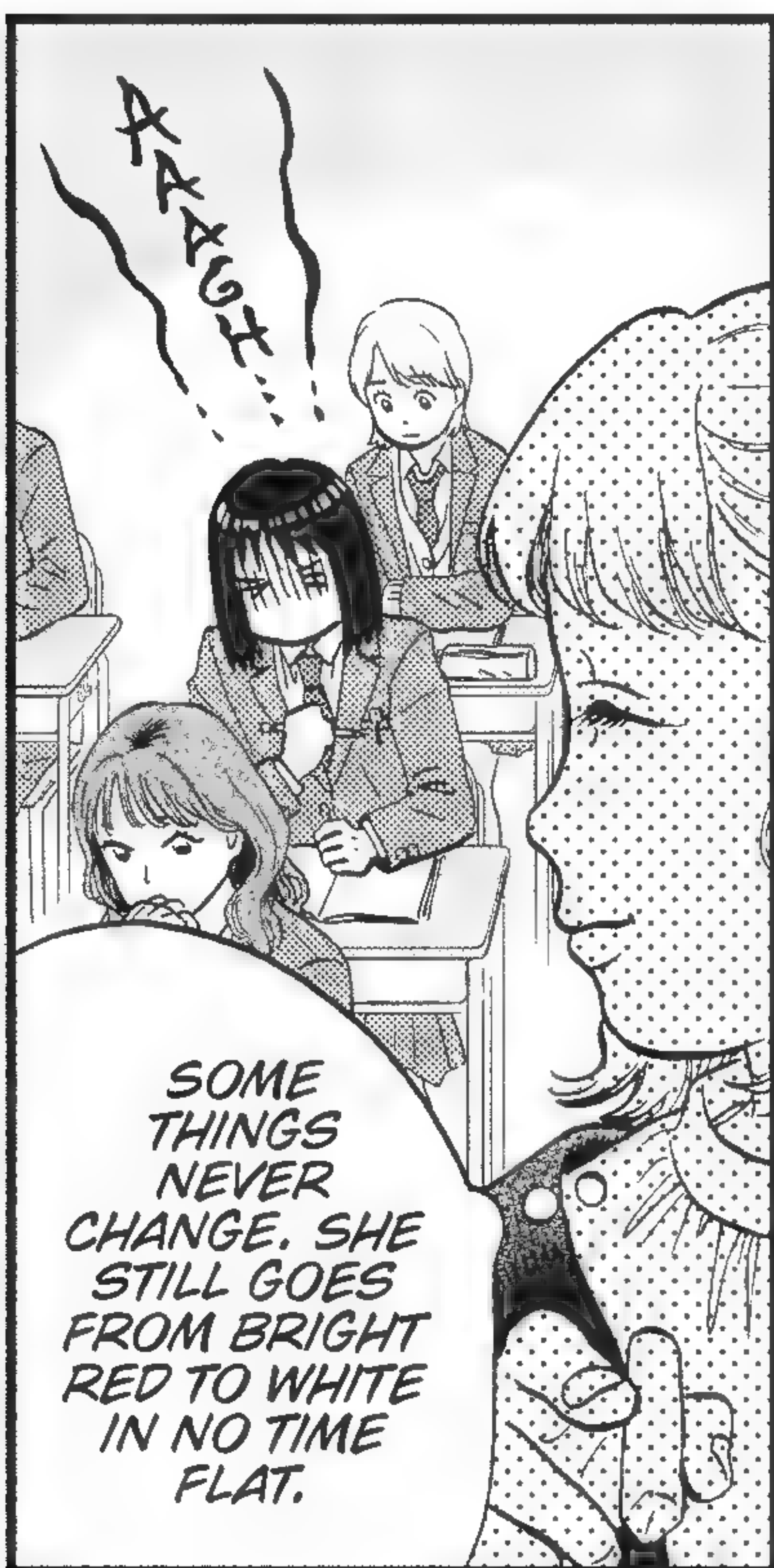
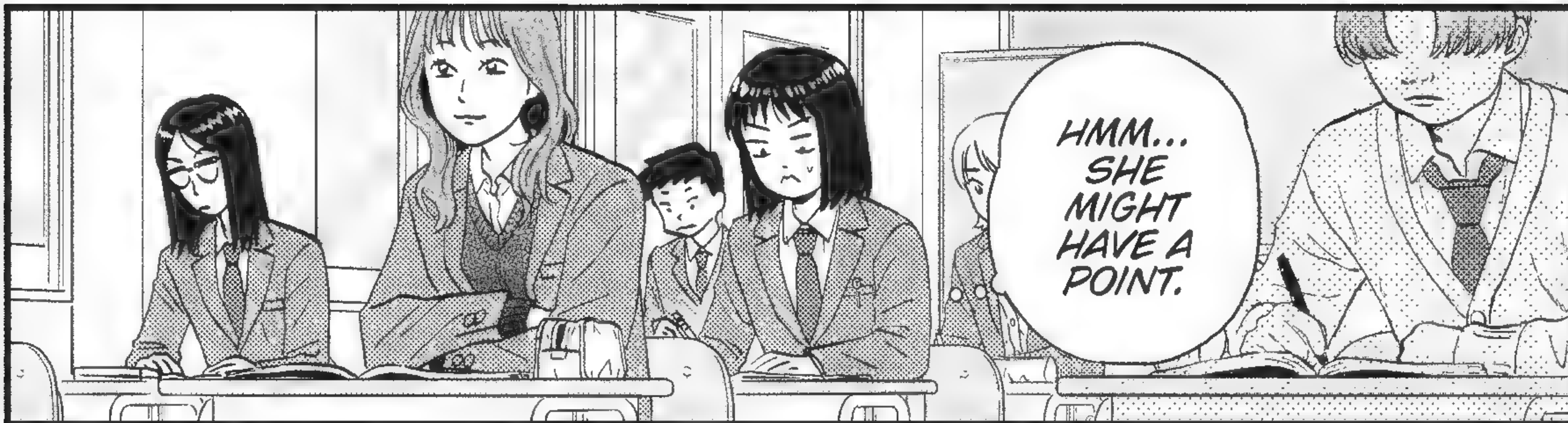
*A media trope-turned-meme. Usually said by a male lead right before he makes his feelings for the heroine known.



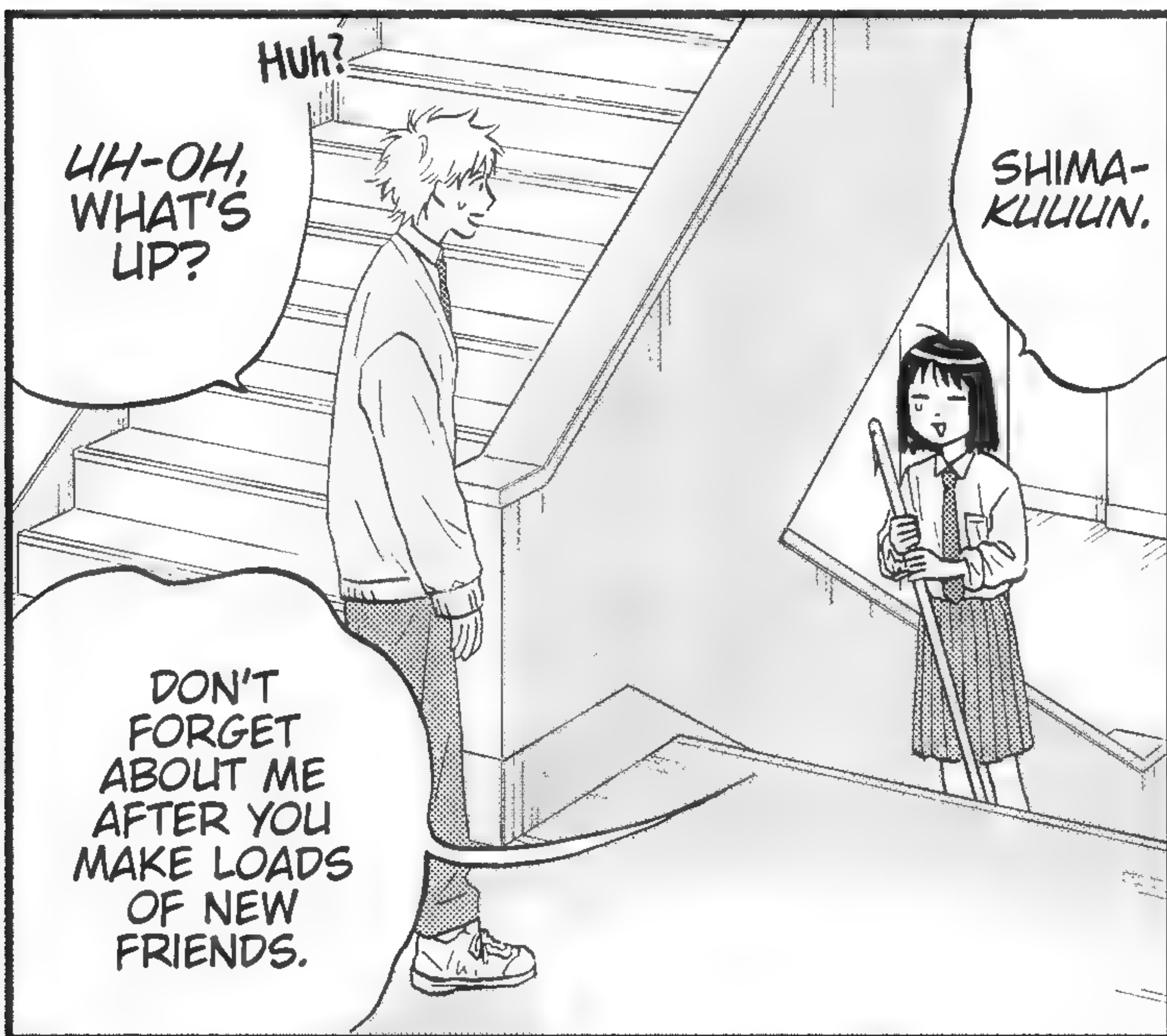
JUST BELIEVE MEEE!

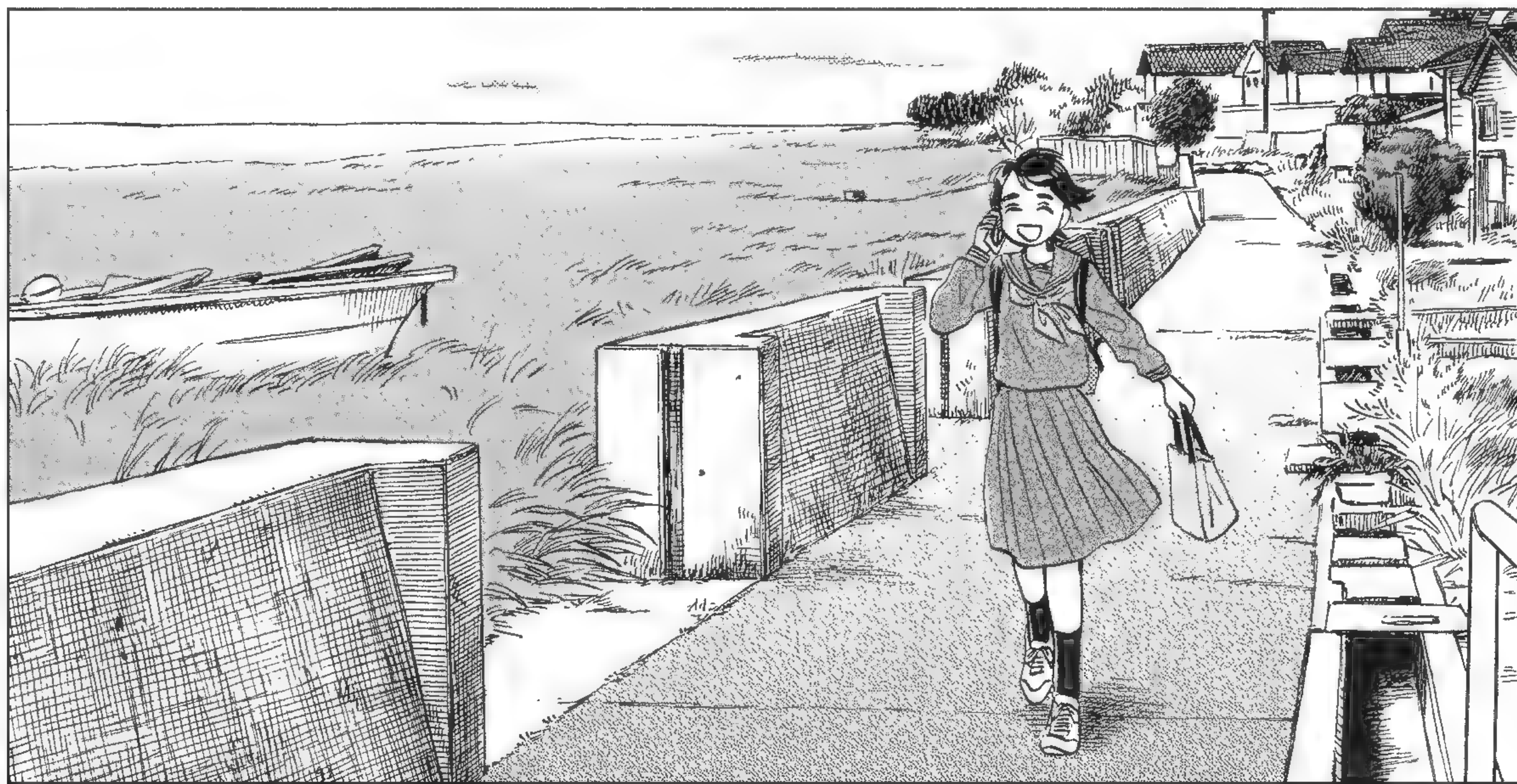
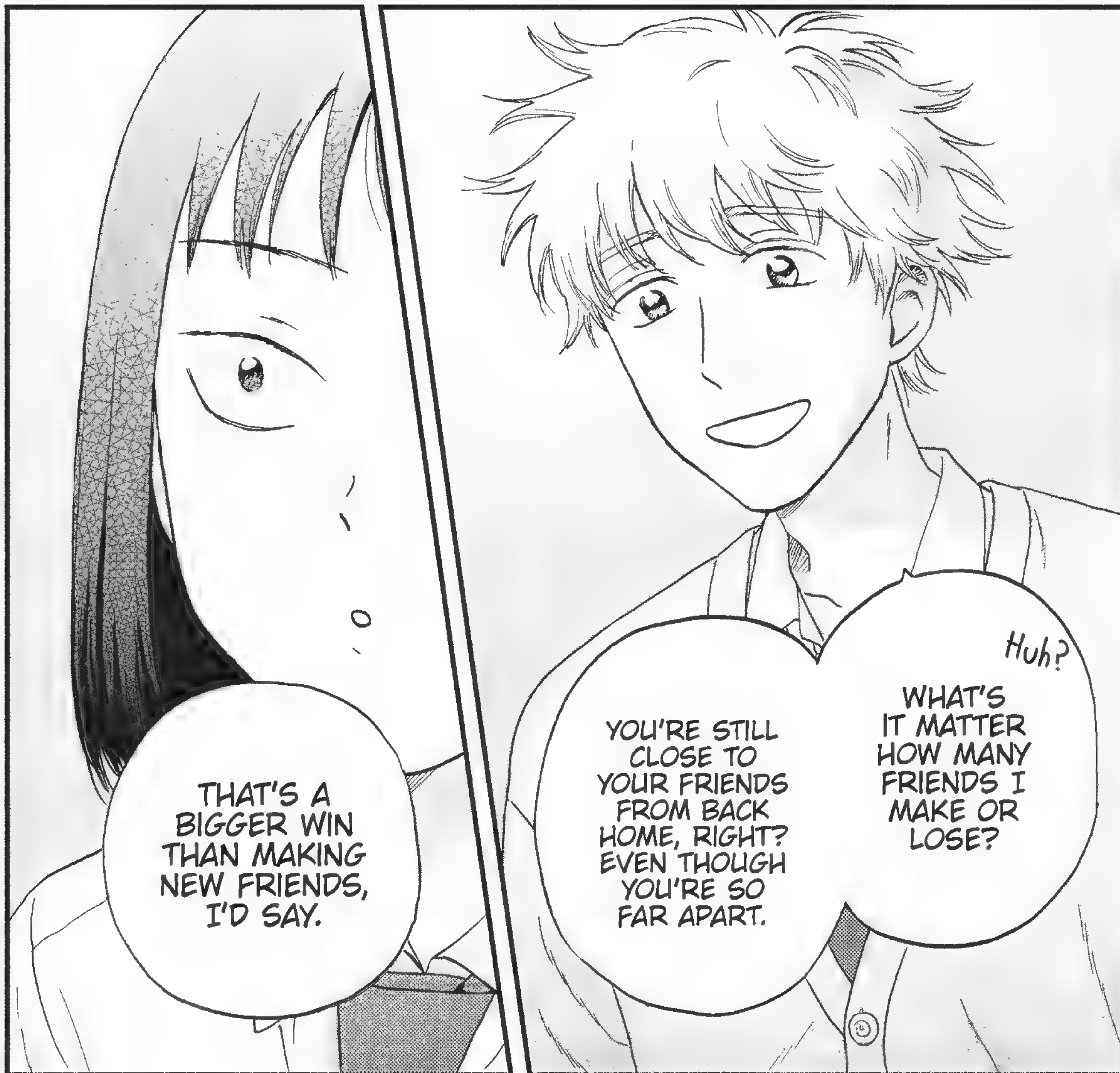
THEN GIVE ME A TOMATO.

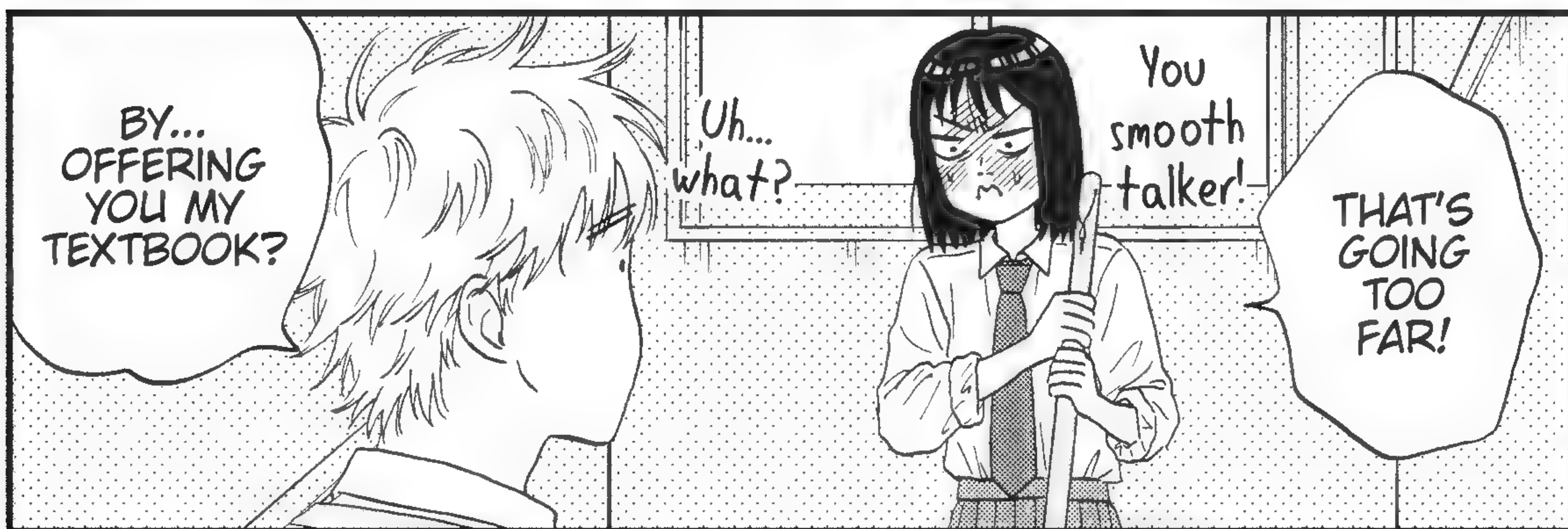
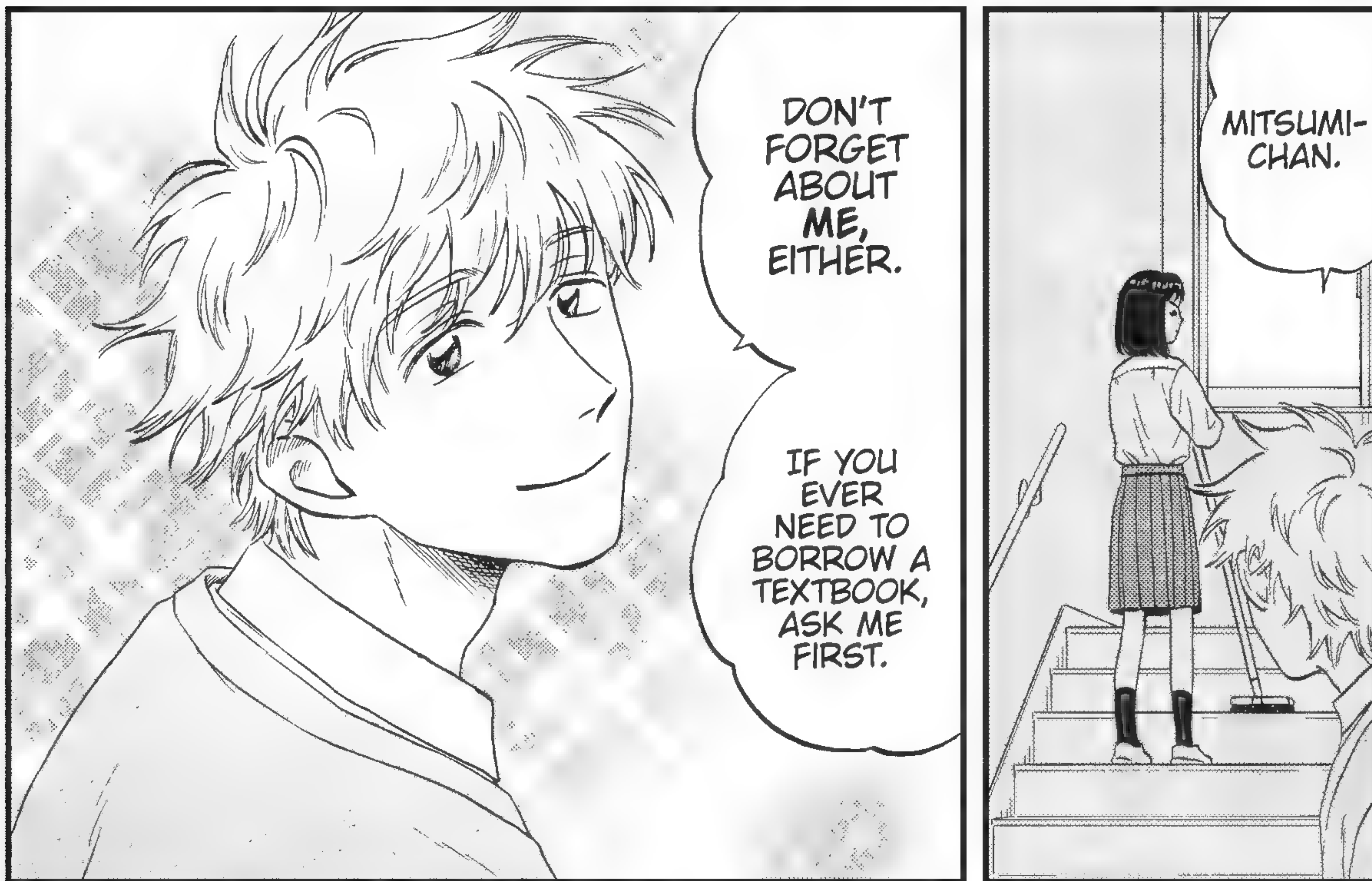
I'M FOND OF YOU, MAKOC-CHAN!

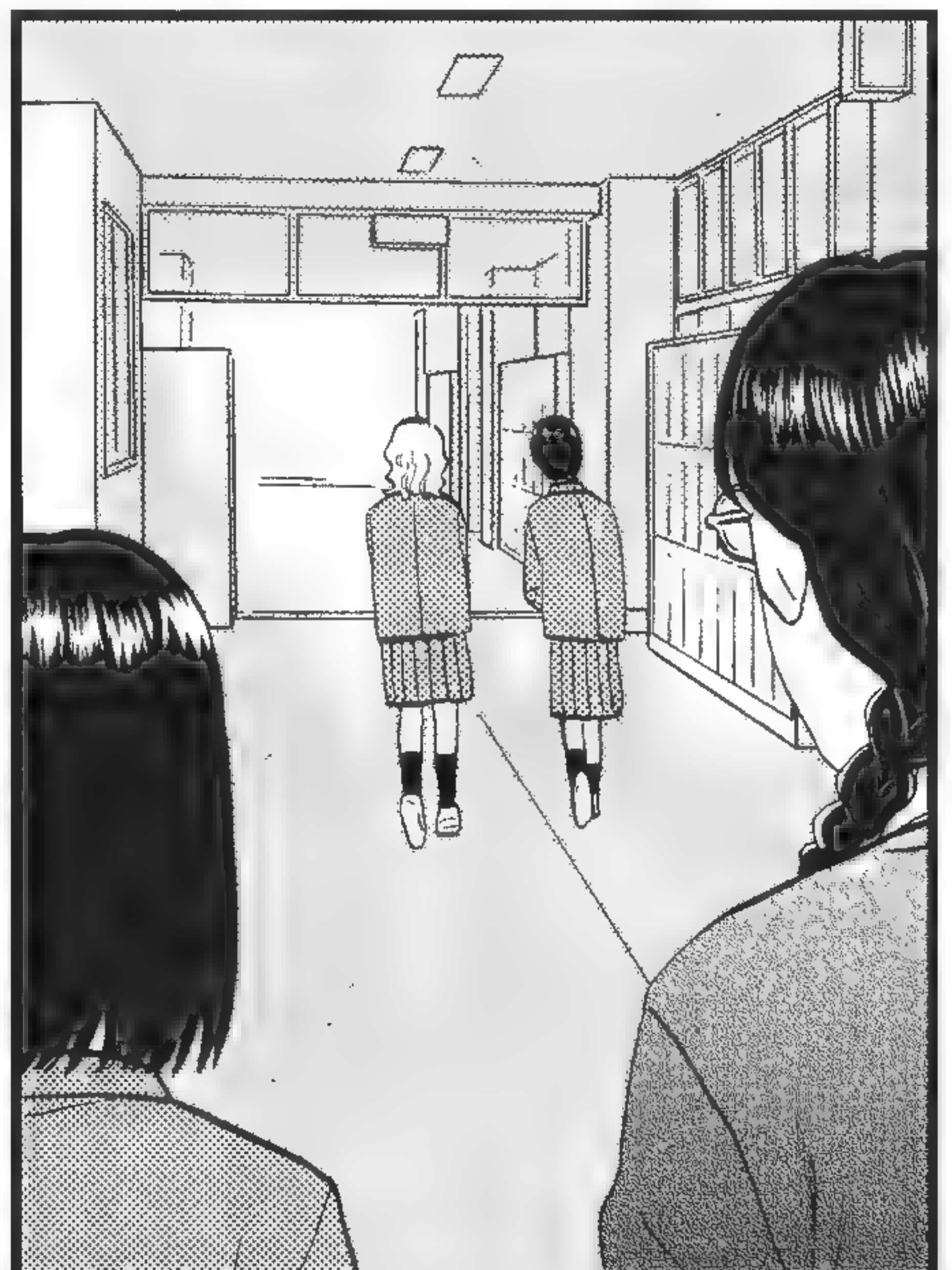
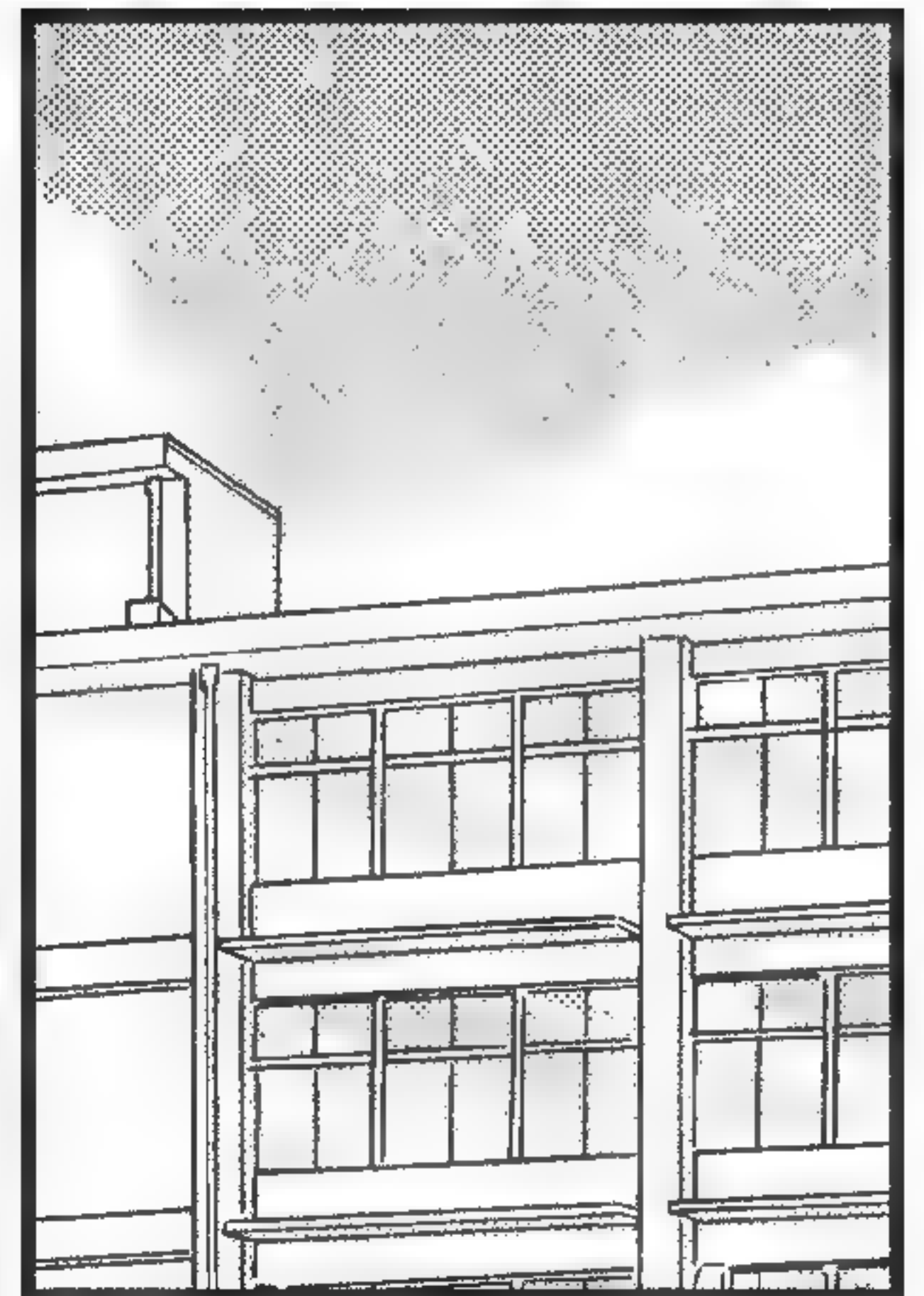


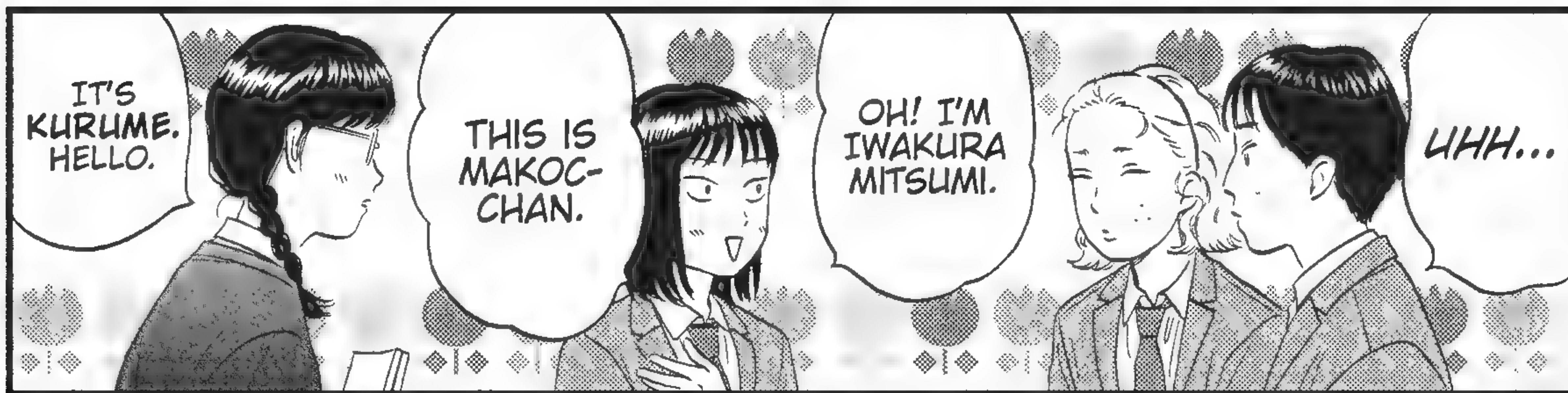












*I
want
it all.*



*That
might be
hard after
college
entrance
exam
season
begins.*



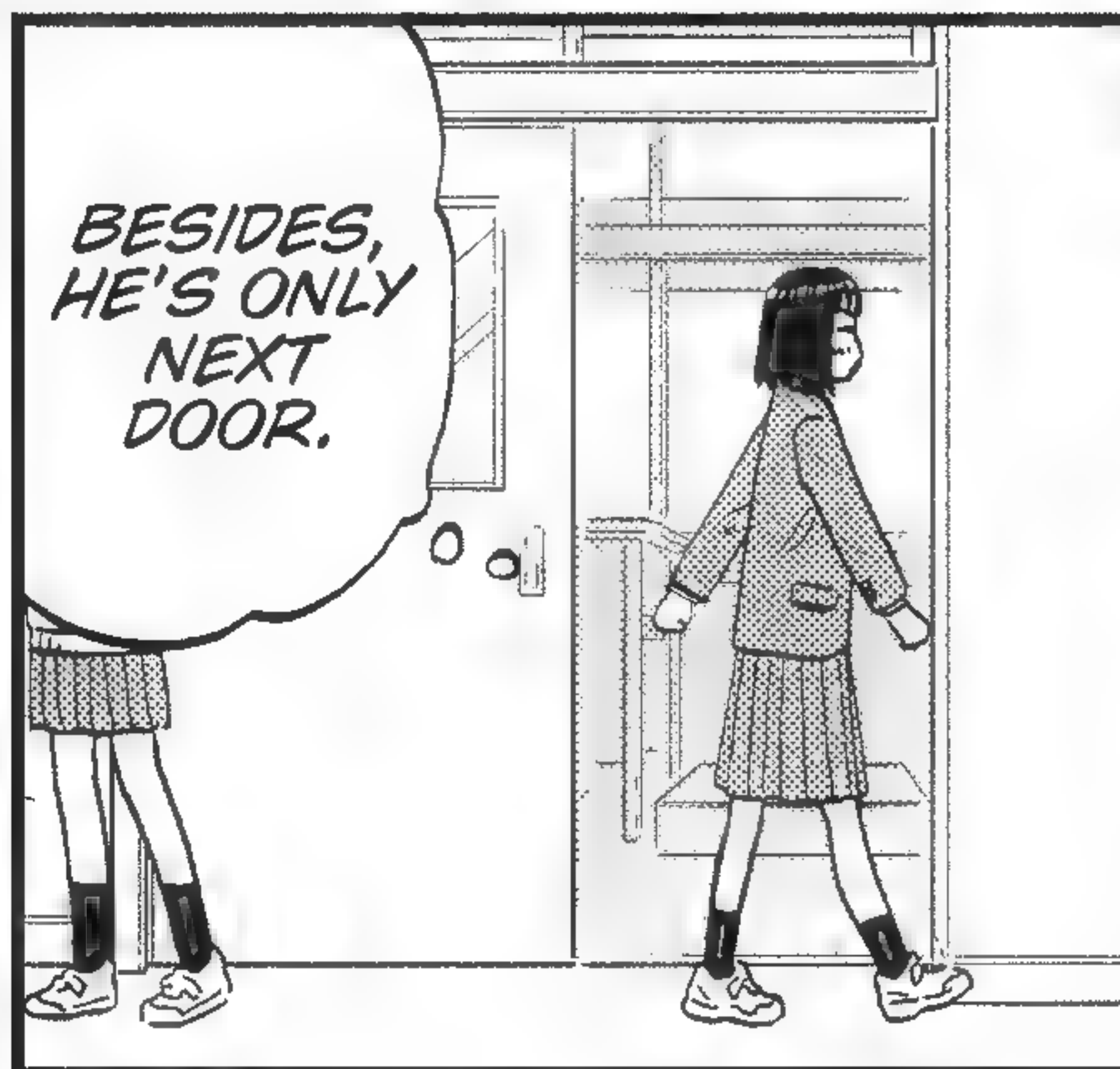
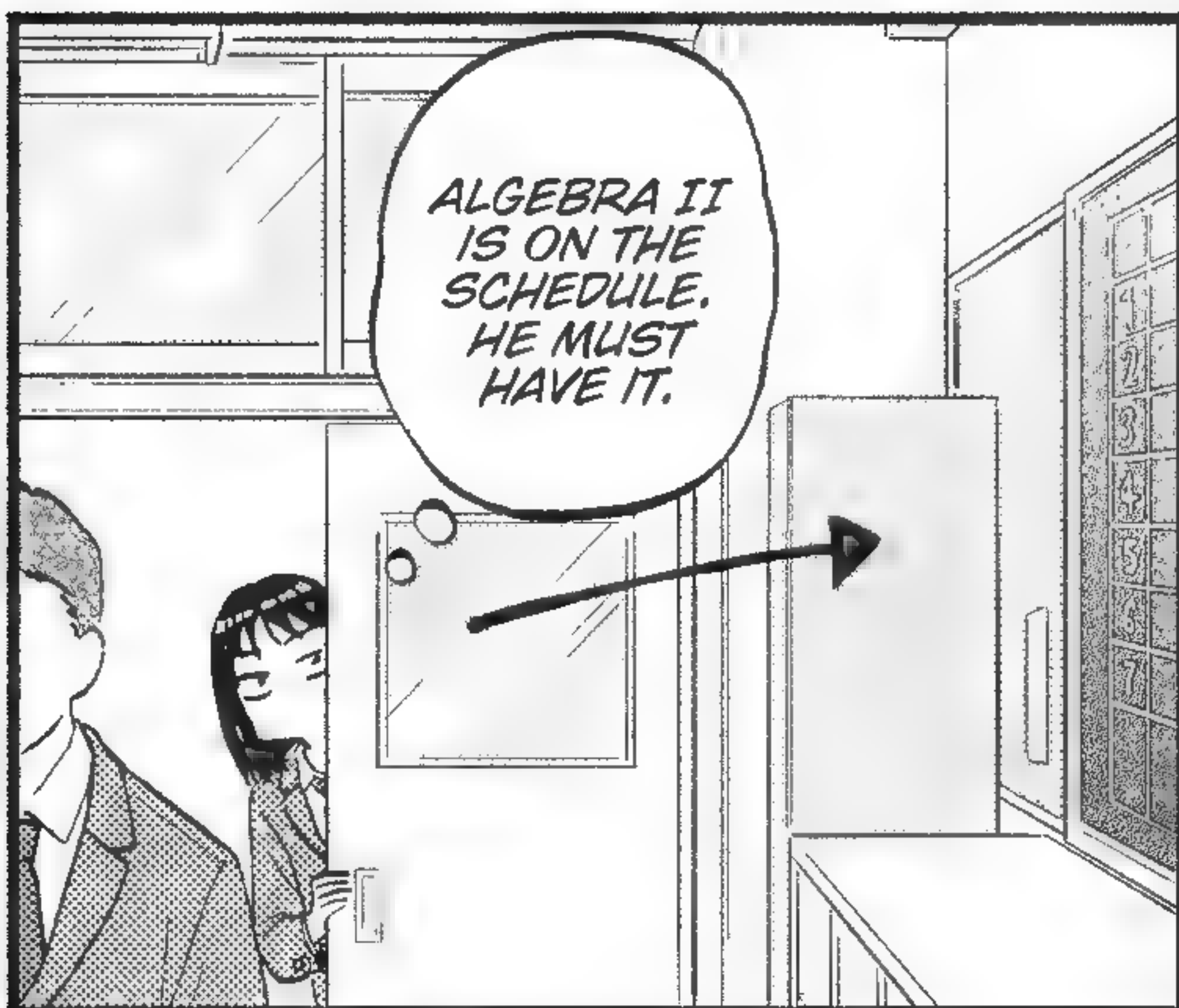
*And
although
it's too
much to
ask for
nothing
to
change...*



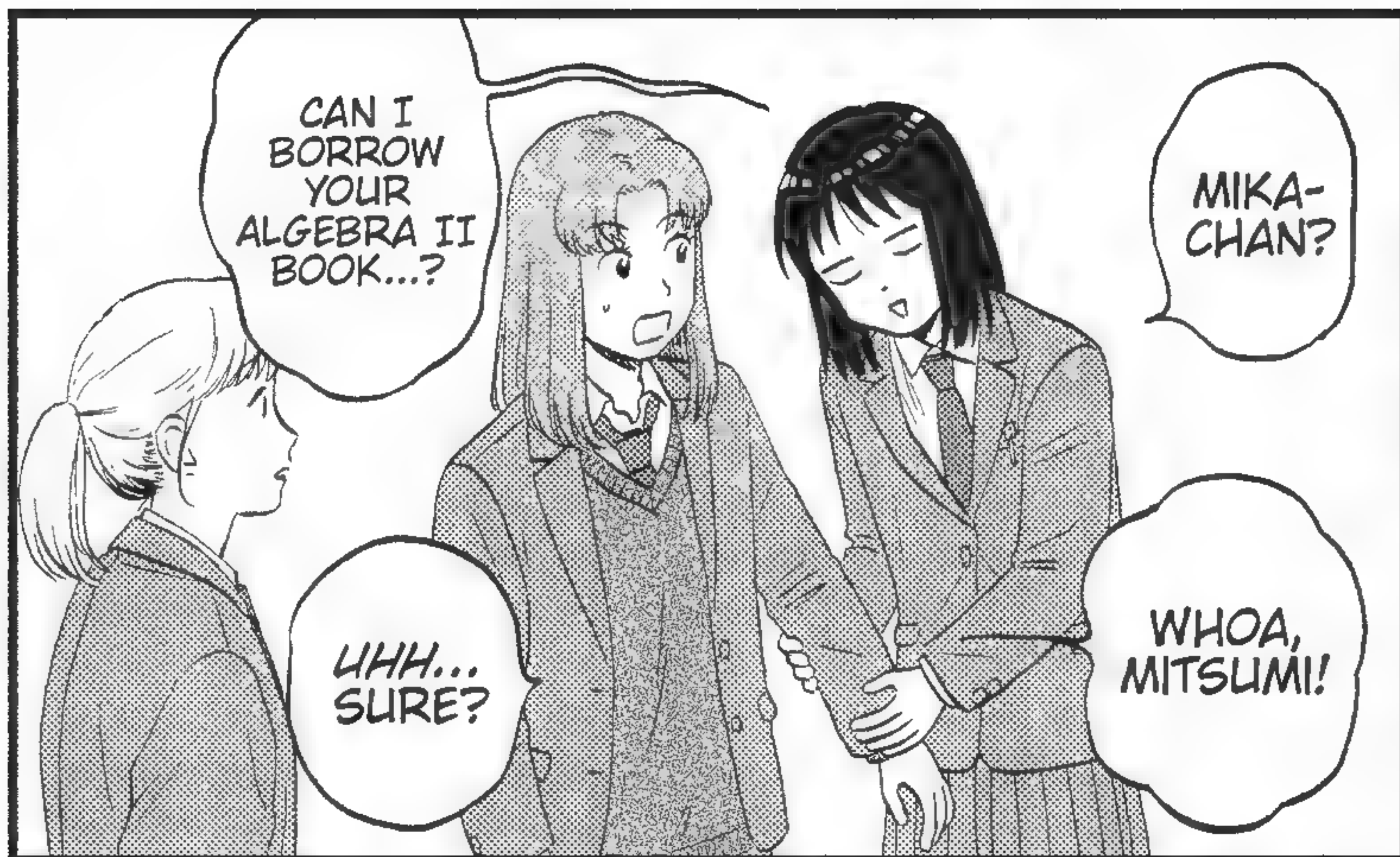
still...



Still.









Rewinding to
spring break...

TA-
DA!

The Student Government presents...

Spring Student Counseling

★ With the new school year just around the corner, you probably have worries and fears... but the Student Government is here to help! Come see us!

Or just enjoy a spot of tea!

Where?

IF Student
Council Office

When?



AFTER
ALL, THERE'S
ALWAYS
SOMEONE
HERE.

NICE
IDEA.

APRIL IS
ONE OF THOSE
TOUGH MONTHS.
YOUR WHOLE
ENVIRONMENT
CHANGES.

I THINK
EVERYONE COULD
USE A PLACE TO
SAFELY AIR THEIR
CONCERNS. WHERE
BETTER THAN THE
STUDENT COUNCIL
OFFICE?

WHAT...IS
THIS?

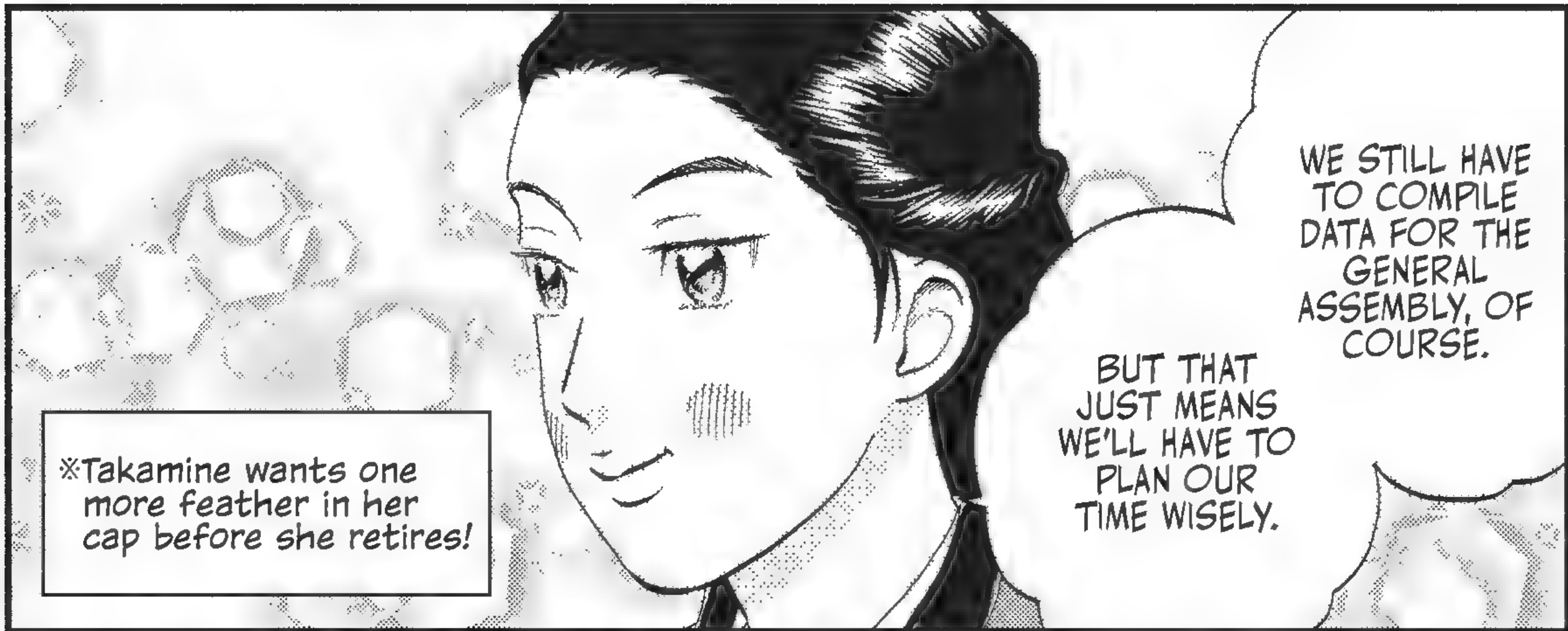
WONDER-
FUL!

LET'S
DO IT!

LET'S GET
THESE COPIED
AND START
PUTTING
THEM UP!

HOW DOES
TWO WEEKS
SOUND? WE'LL
BEGIN AFTER
OPENING
CEREMONIES.

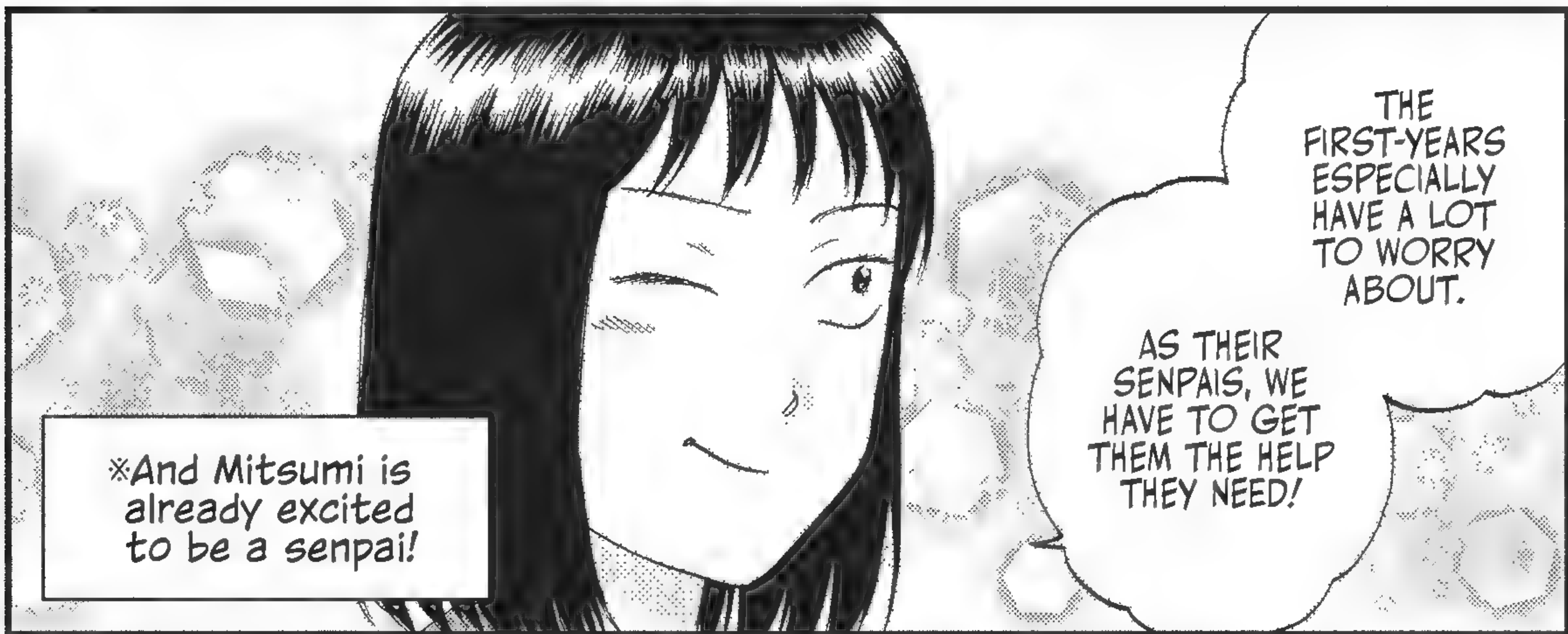
AN EVENT
I THOUGHT
OF FOR THE
SPRING
SEMESTER!



※Takamine wants one more feather in her cap before she retires!

WE STILL HAVE TO COMPILE DATA FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF COURSE.

BUT THAT JUST MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO PLAN OUR TIME WISELY.

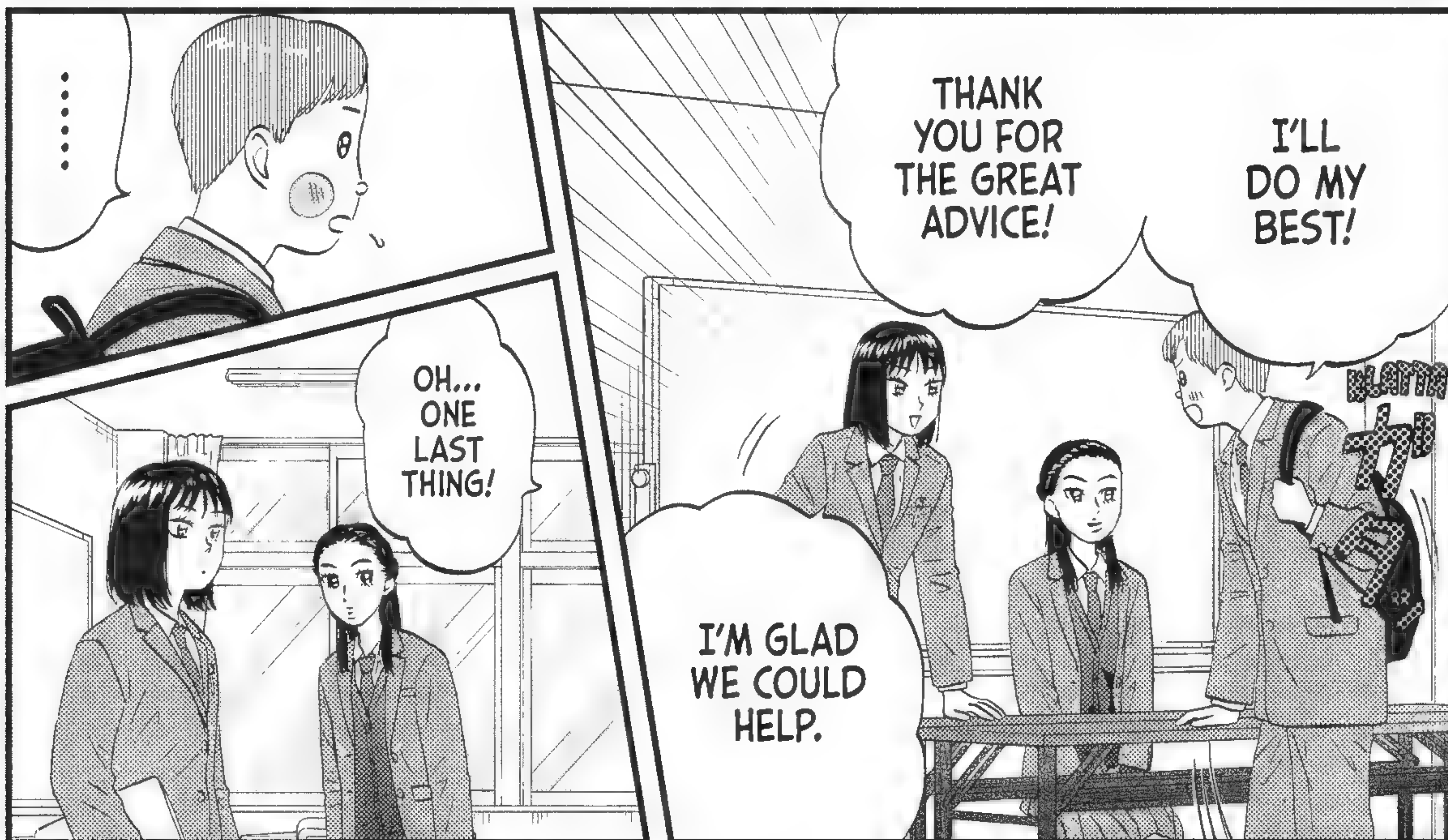
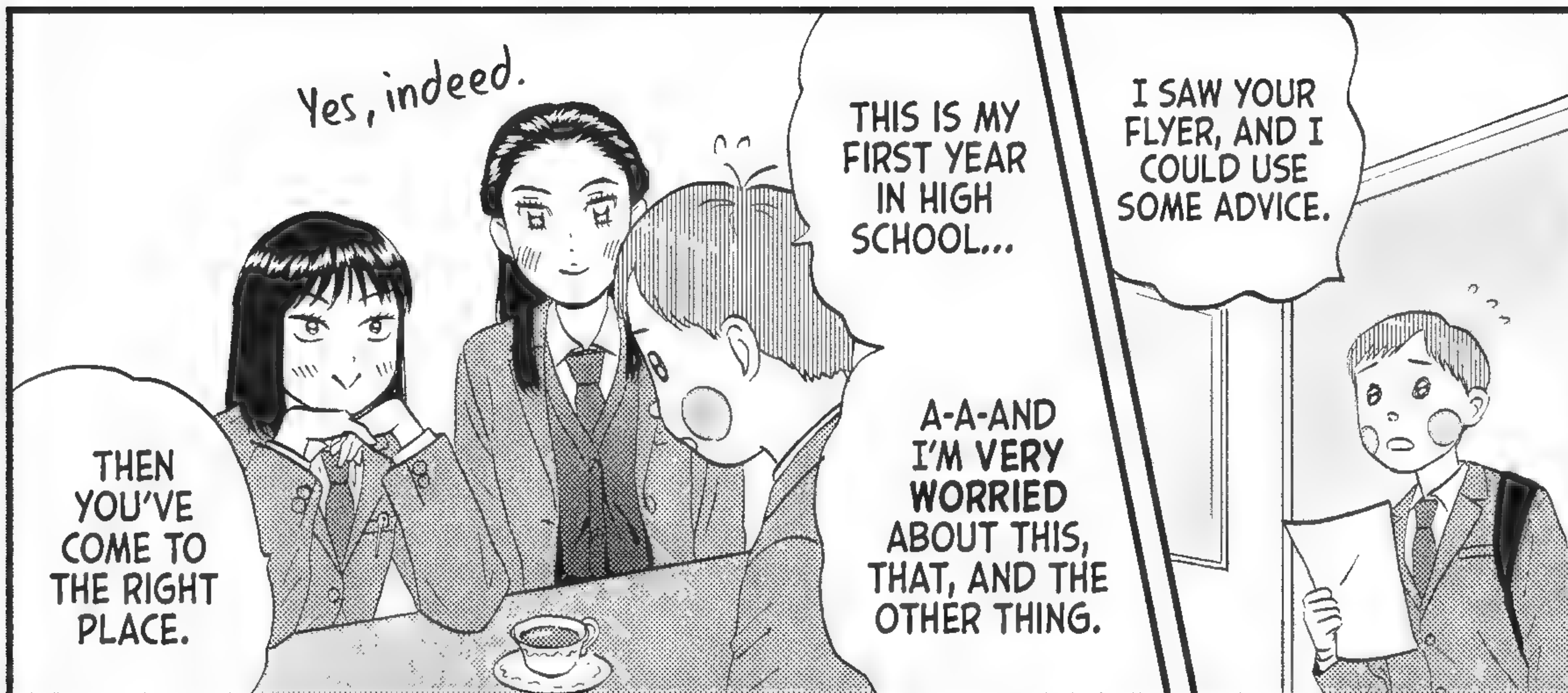


※And Mitsumi is already excited to be a senpai!

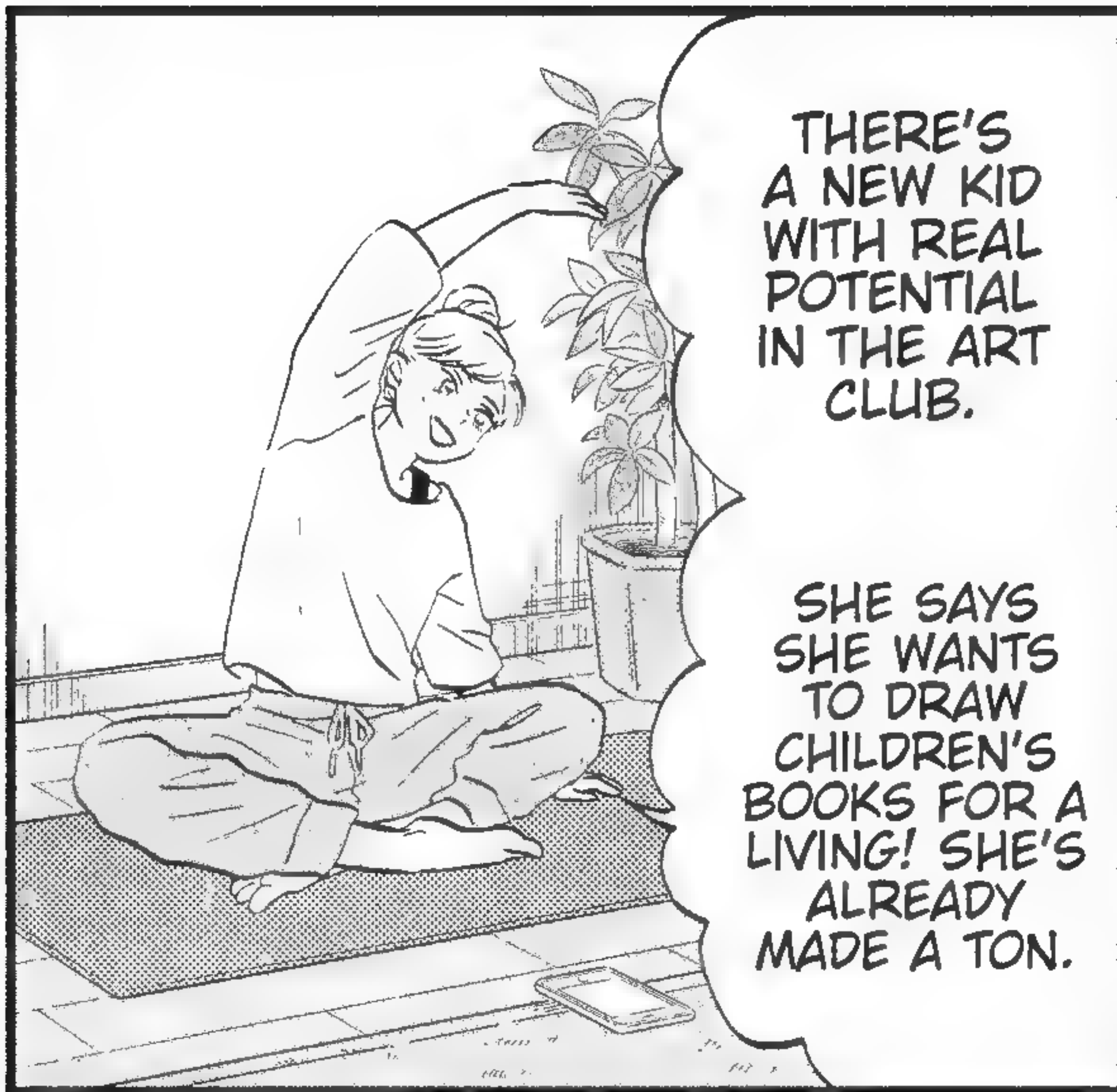
THE FIRST-YEARS ESPECIALLY HAVE A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT.

AS THEIR SENPAIS, WE HAVE TO GET THEM THE HELP THEY NEED!









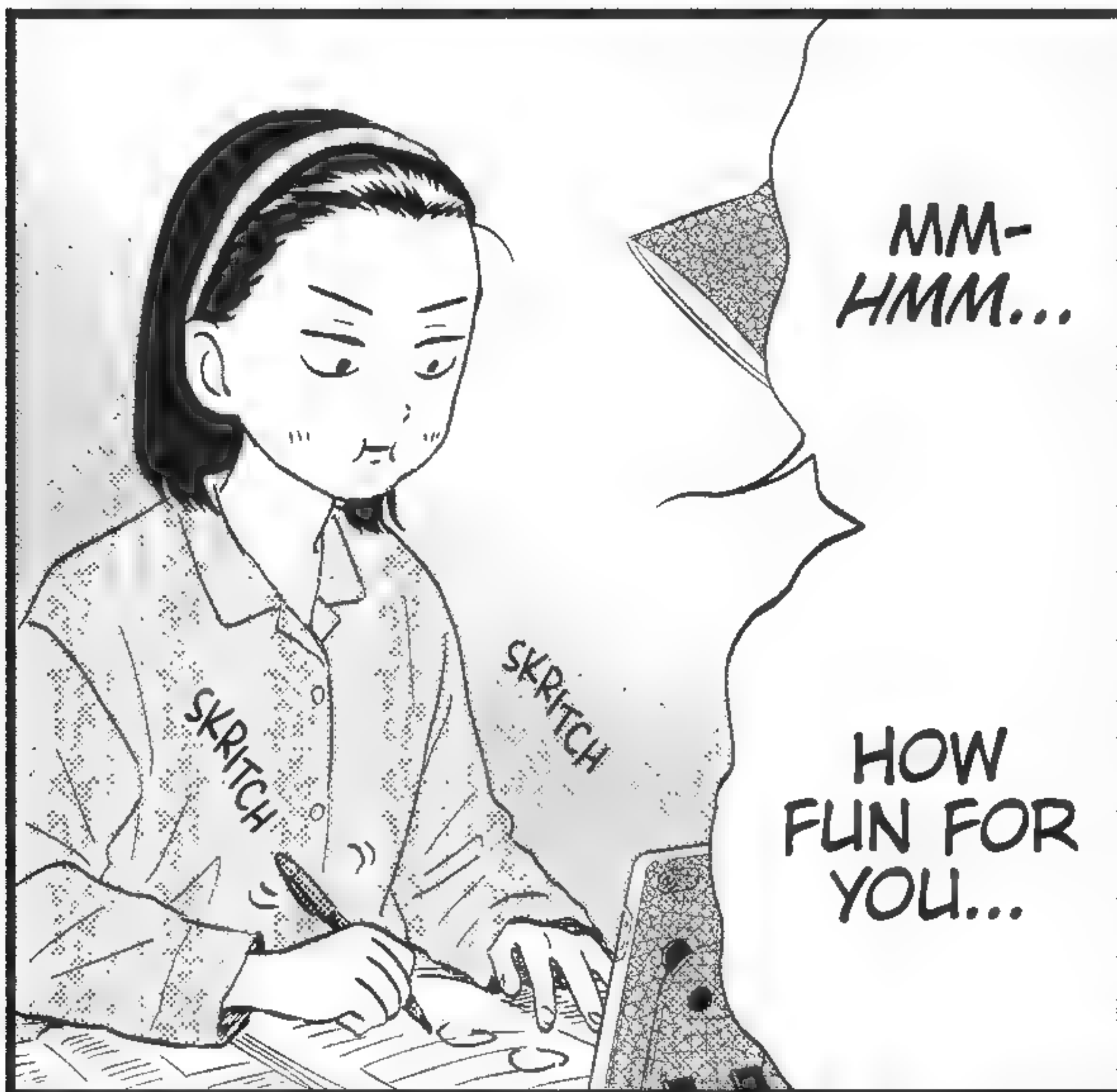
THERE'S
A NEW KID
WITH REAL
POTENTIAL
IN THE ART
CLUB.

SHE SAYS
SHE WANTS
TO DRAW
CHILDREN'S
BOOKS FOR A
LIVING! SHE'S
ALREADY
MADE A TON.



WE'LL
PROBABLY
HAVE A LOT
IN THE
LITERATURE
CLUB.

WE ALREADY
HAVE A
DEFINITE YES
FROM FIVE
KIDS.



MM-
HMM...

HOW
FUN FOR
YOU...



OMIGOD,
AND THE
CUTEST
GUY SAYS
HE'S
GONNA
JOIN!

ENGLISH
CONVO
CLUB'S
PACKED,
NATCH.

HEY, NO
BOY TALK!



THE FIRST-
YEARS ARE
COMING
TO YOUR
COUNSELING
THINGS,
AREN'T
THEY?

YES,
WELL...



DON'T
BE SALTY,
MITSUMI.

I KNOW!
BUT I WANT
TO MINGLE
WITH THE
NEW KIDS
TOOOO!

YOU KNOW
THEY WON'T
LET FIRST-
YEARS INTO
THE STUDENT
COUNCIL
ANYWAY.



OUR
CURRENT
VISITOR
COUNT
IS...ZERO.



AND WHY,
EXACTLY,
ARE YOU
HERE,
KAZAKAMI-
SAN?!

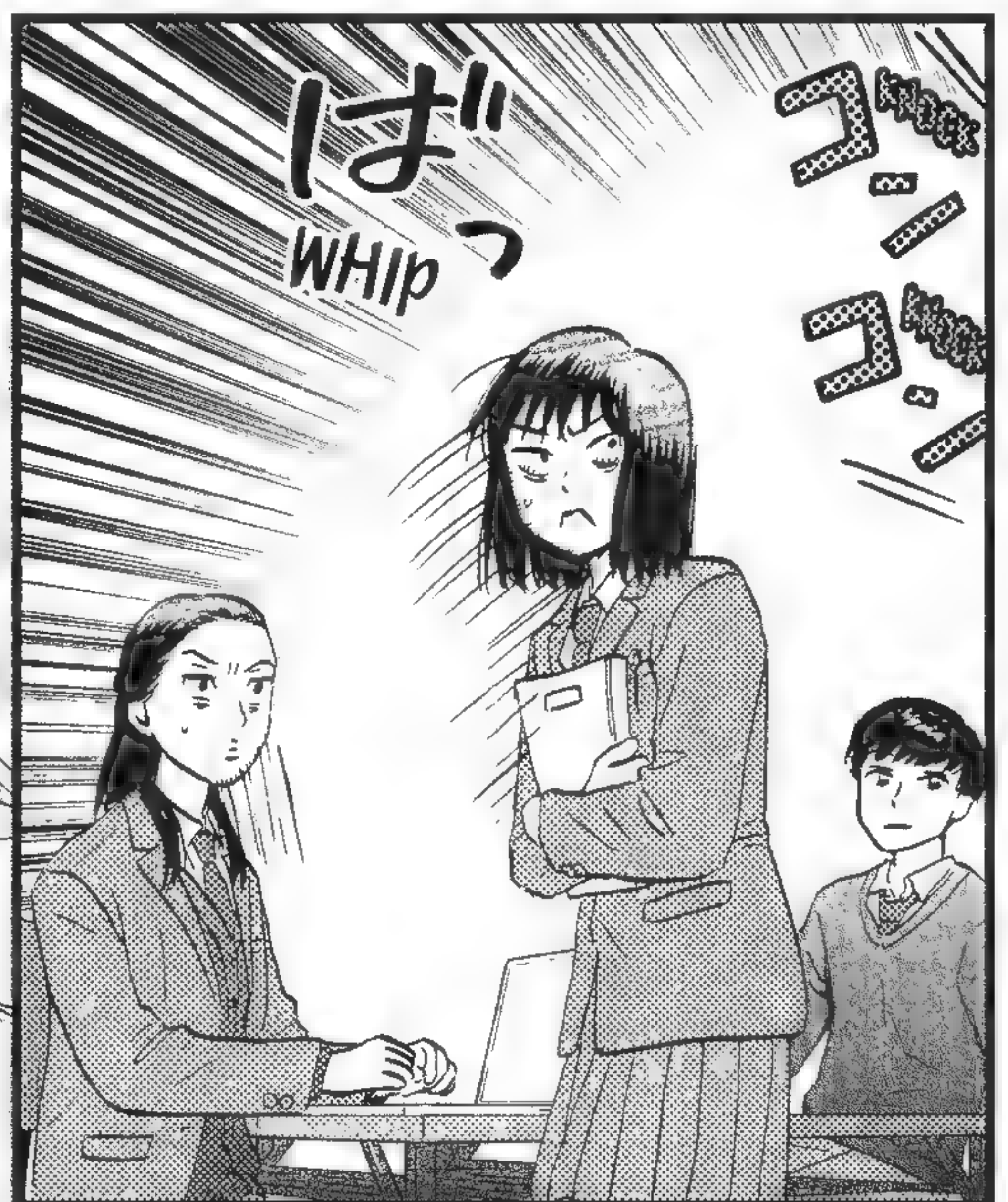
TO TEASE--
AH, CHECK
UP ON
THINGS.



SAW
THAT
COMING.
(LOL)

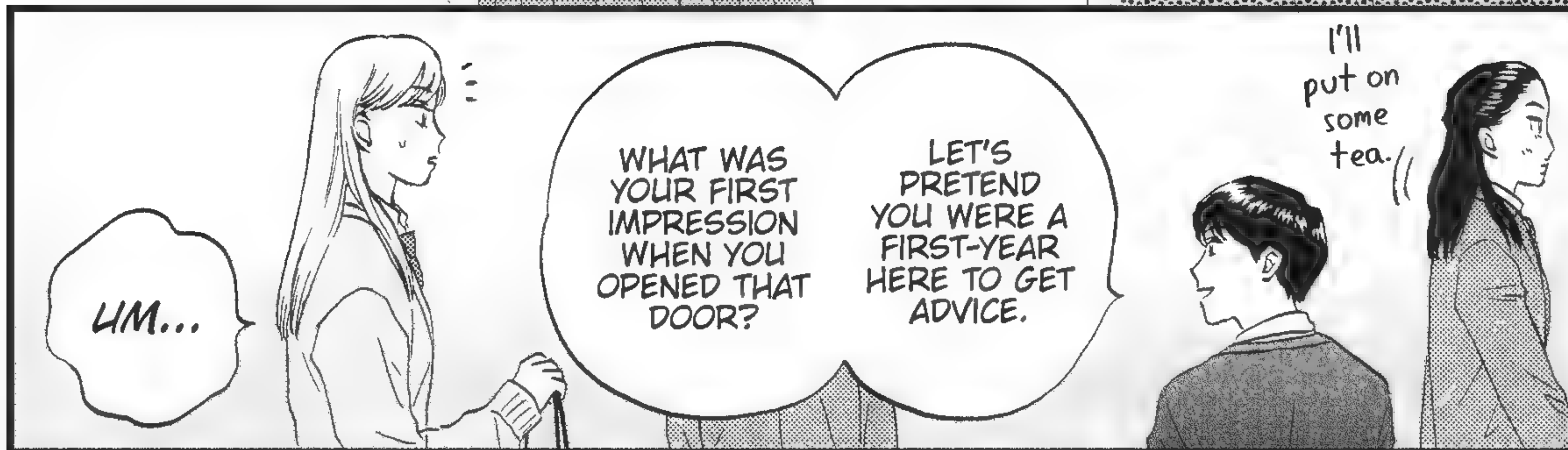


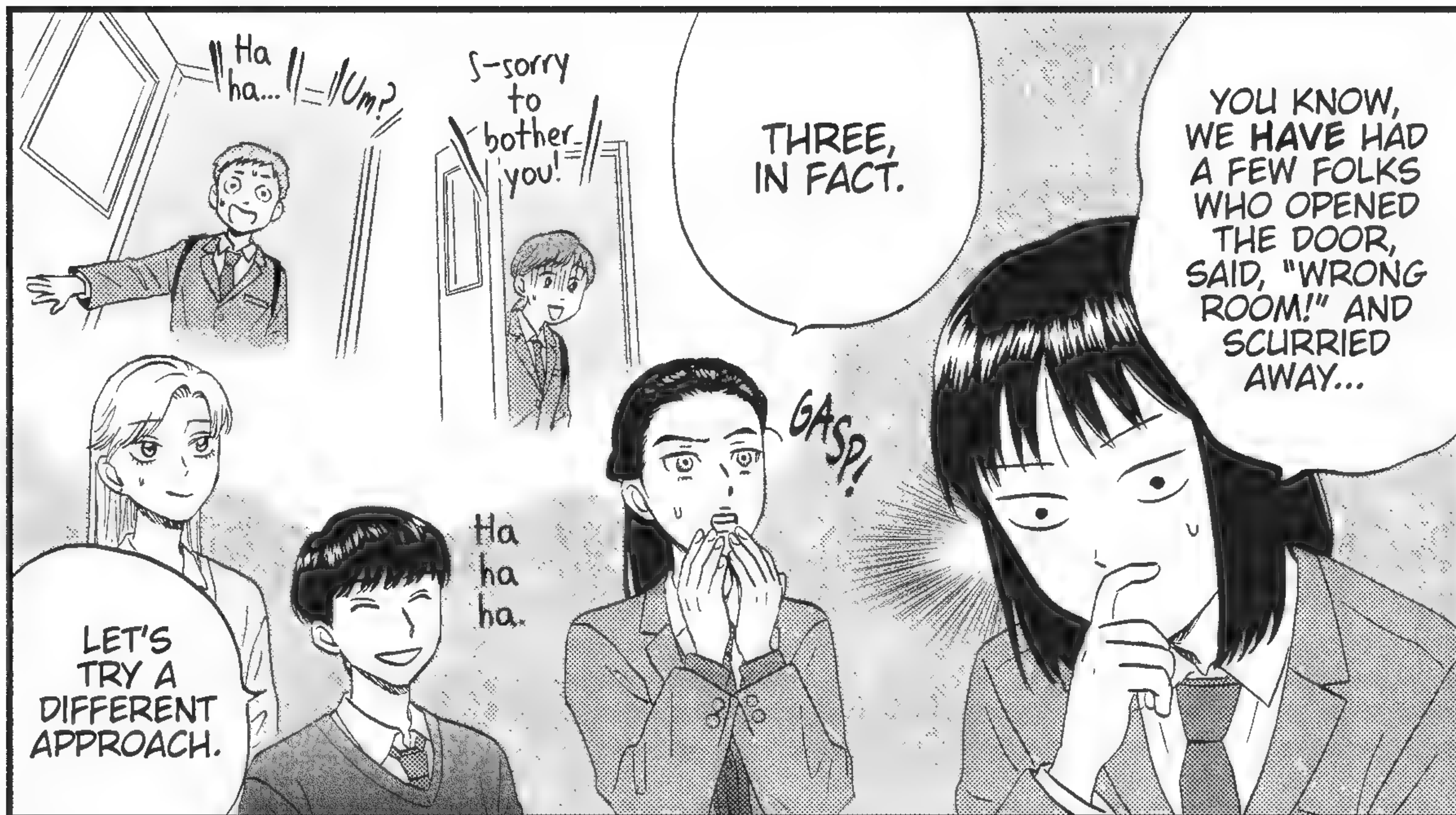
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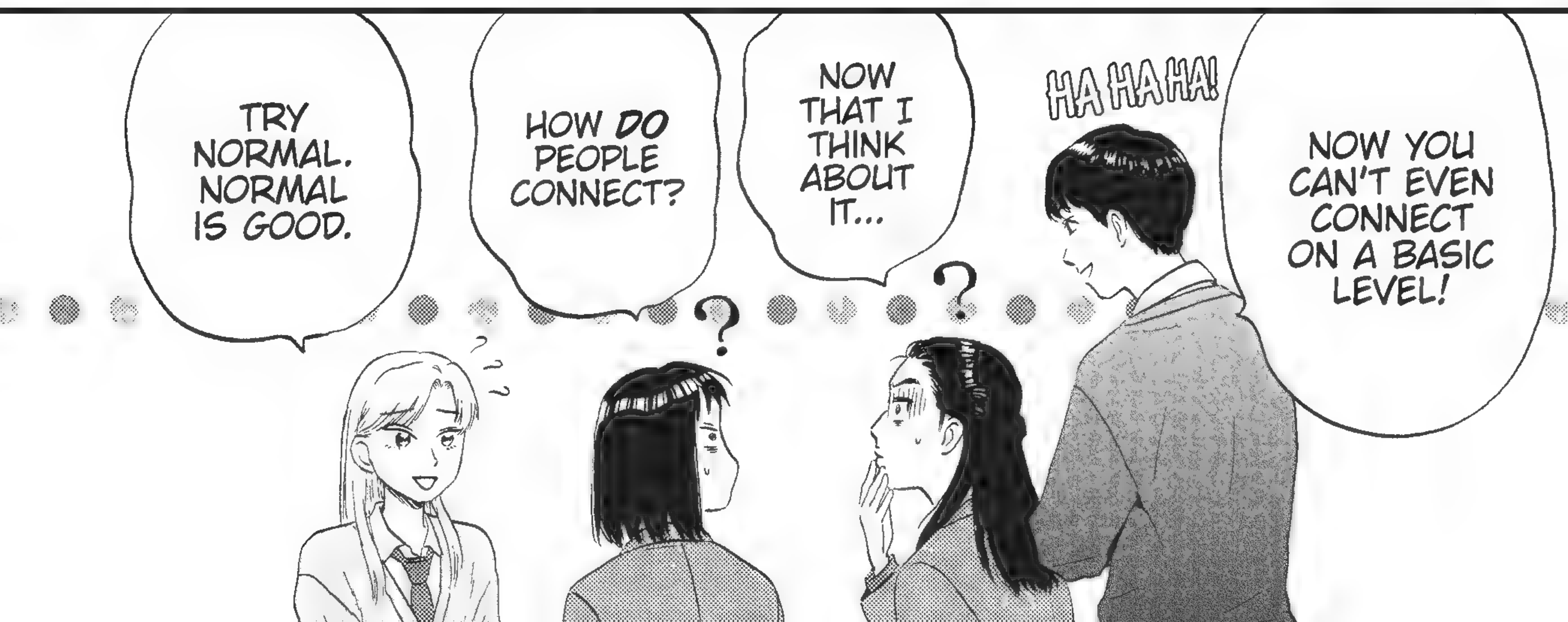
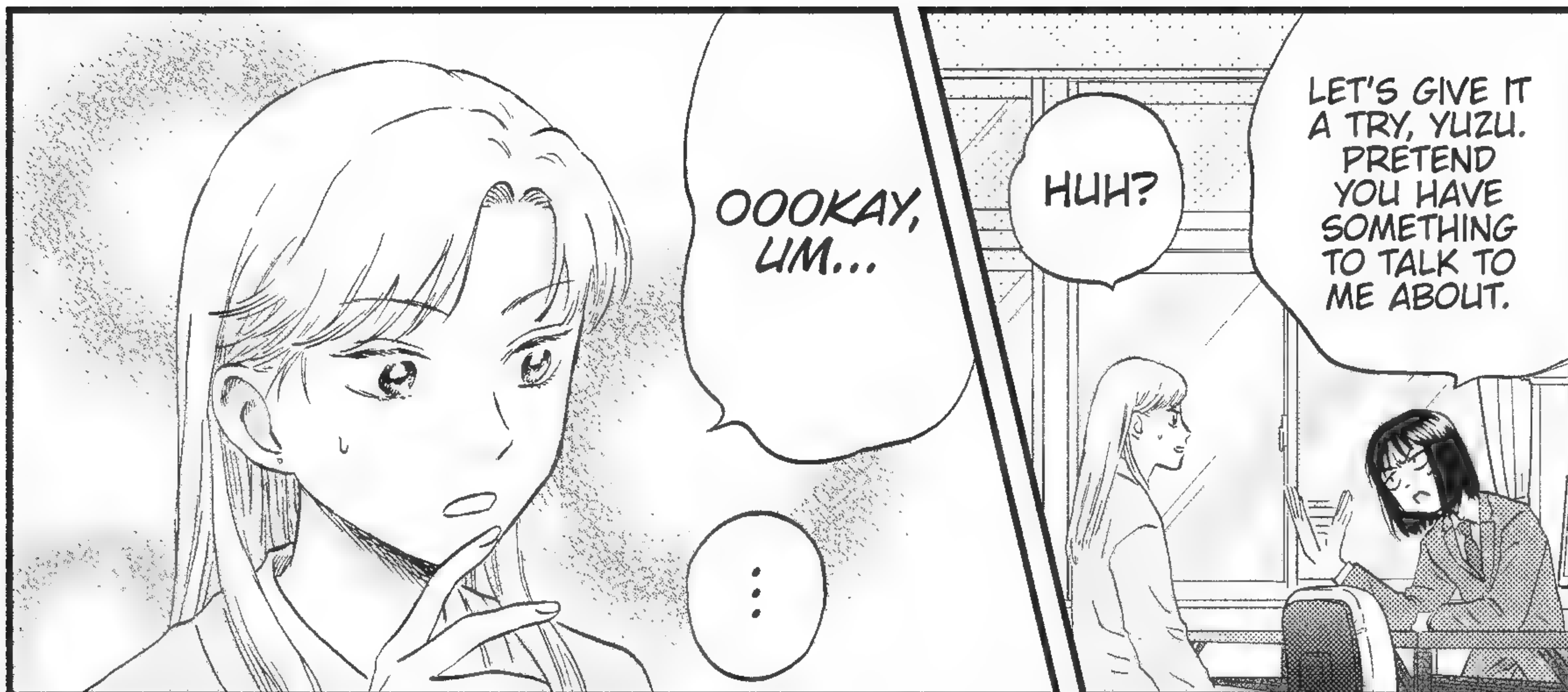


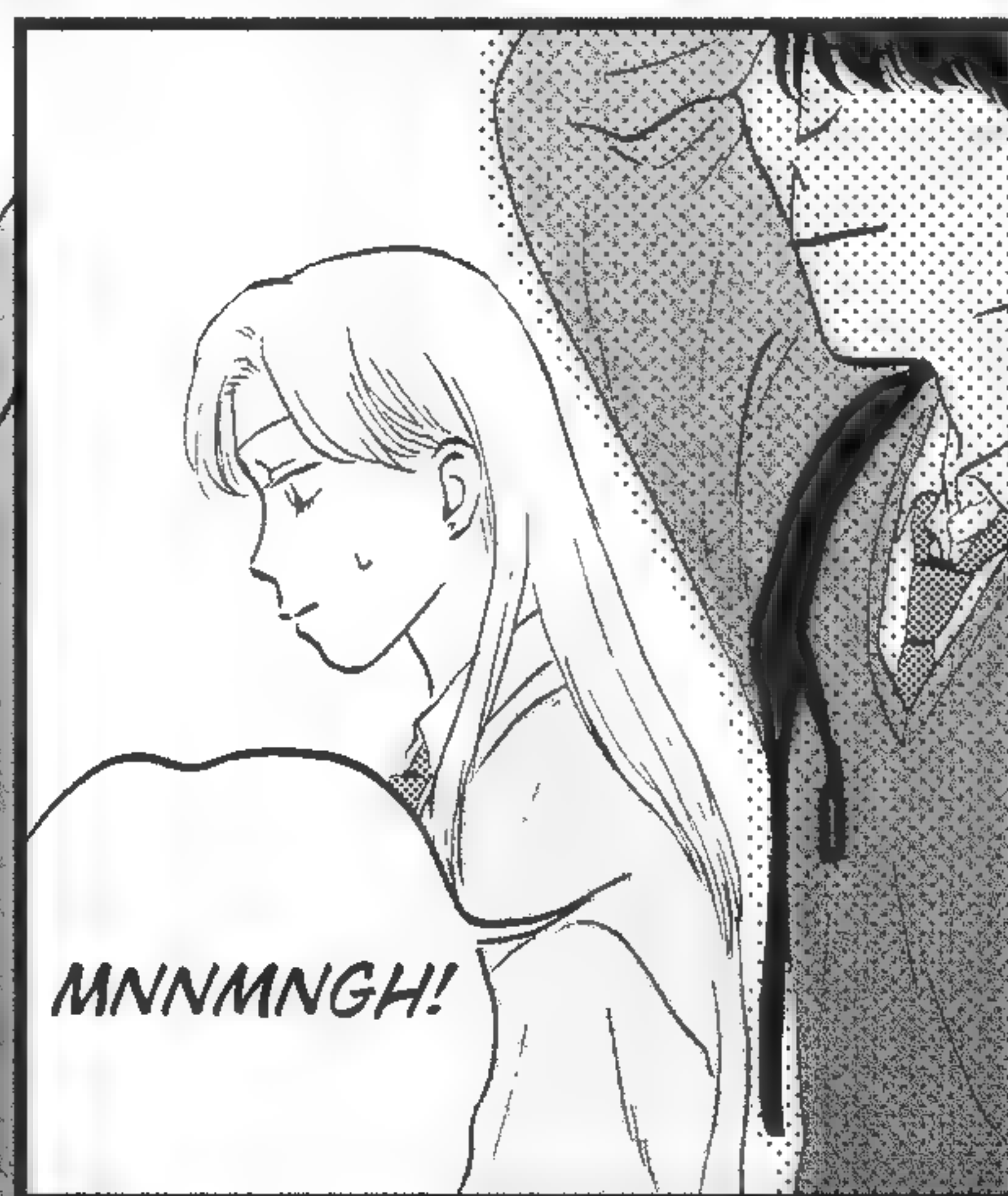
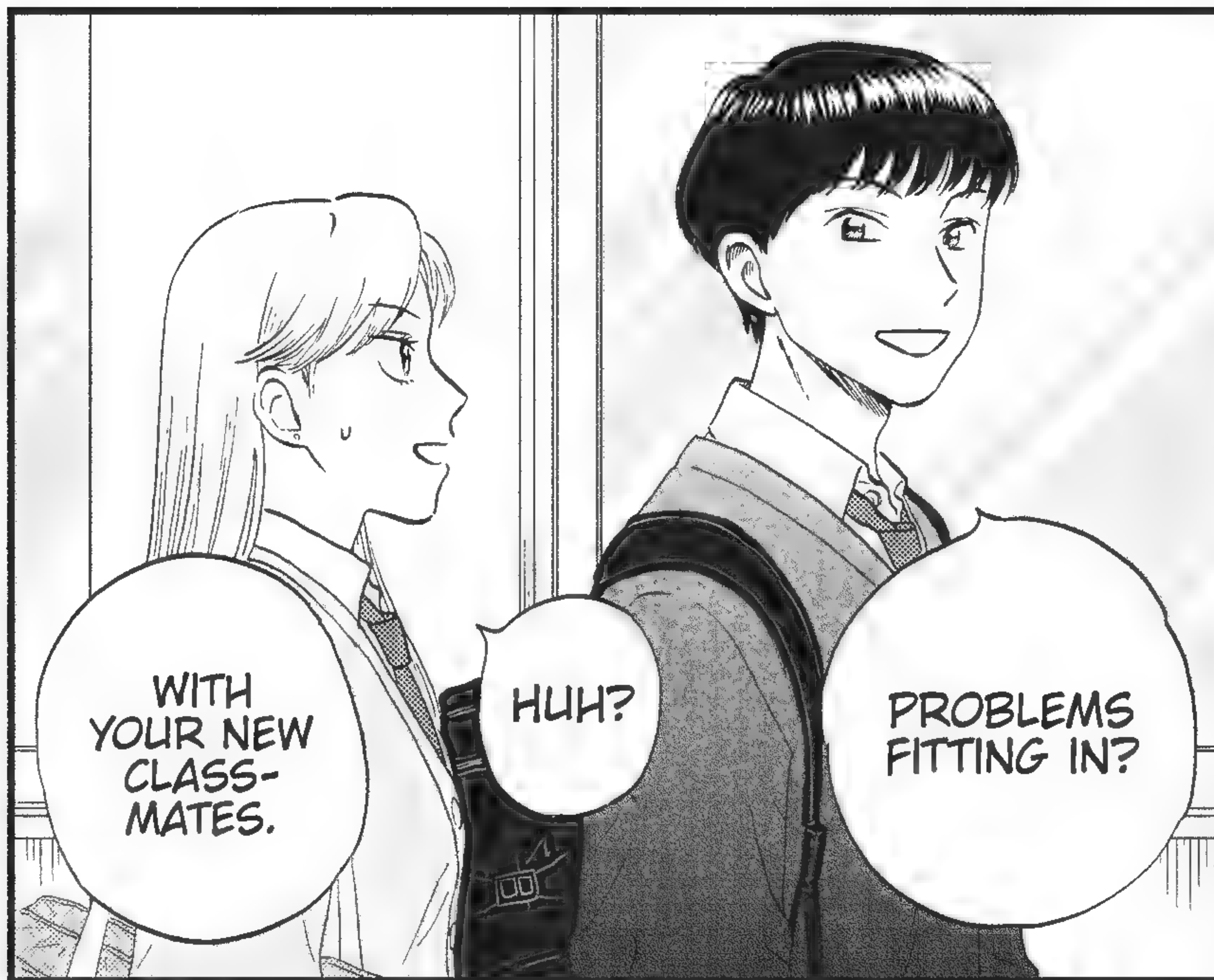
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WHIP

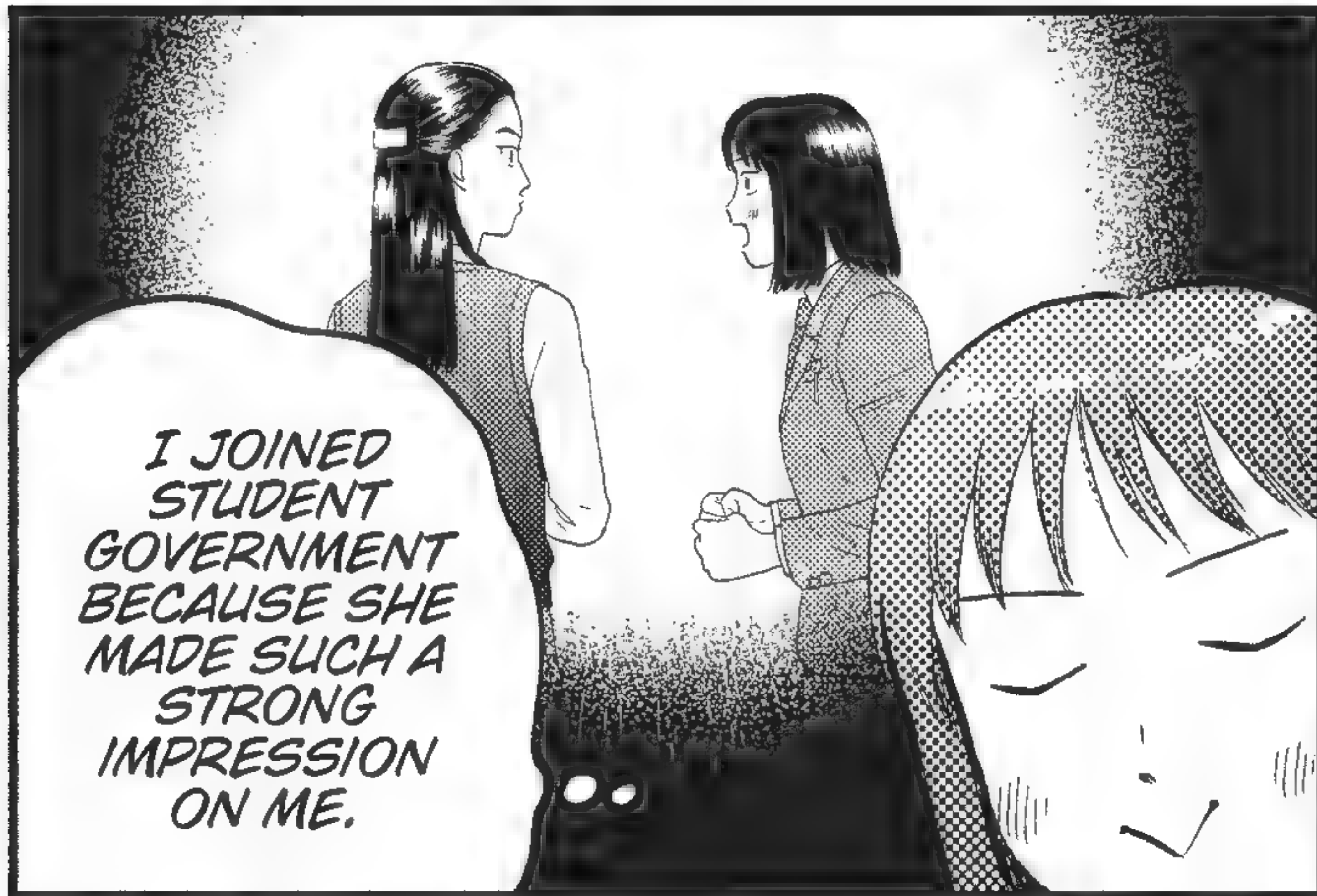
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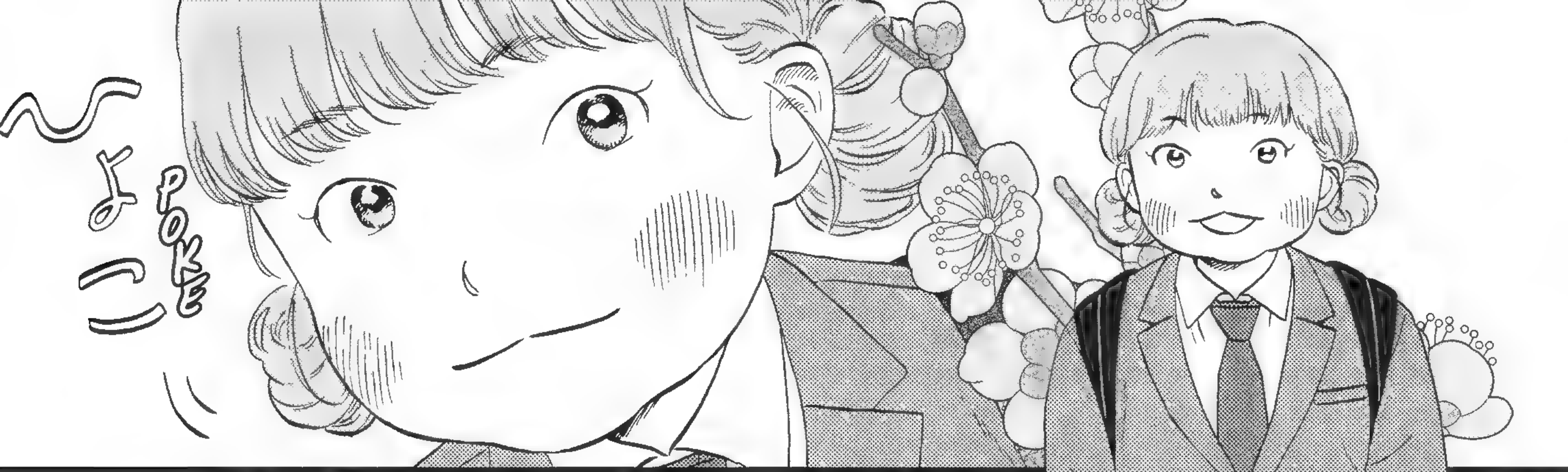












SH-SHE'S SO CUTE!

ARE YOU STILL OFFERING ADVICE?



RIGHT! BE NATURAL!

CREEP...

HUFF... HUFF...



THANK YOU! I'D LOVE SOME.

Y-YOU MUST HAVE SEEN OUR FLYER. THANK YOU FOR DROPPING IN.

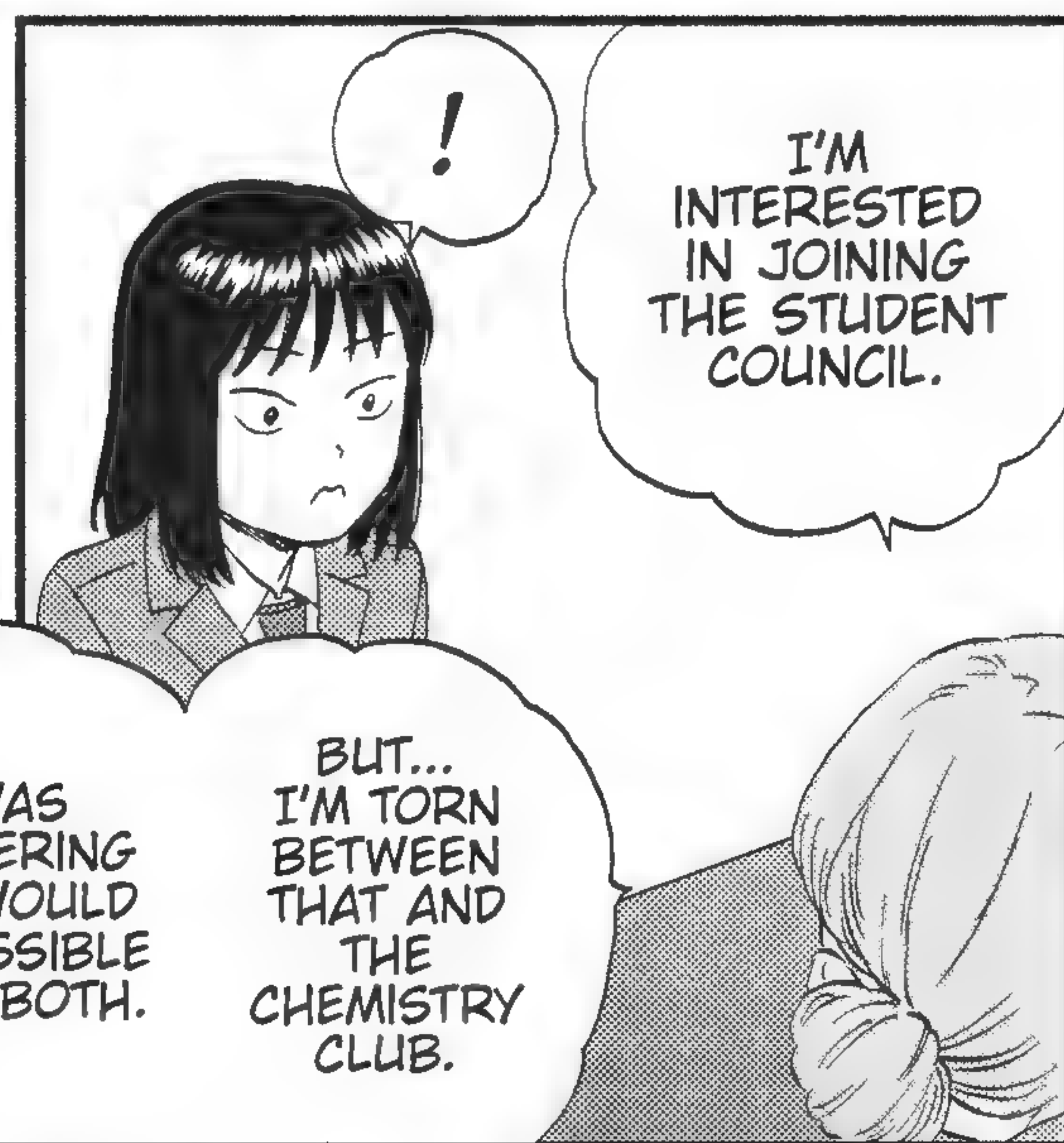
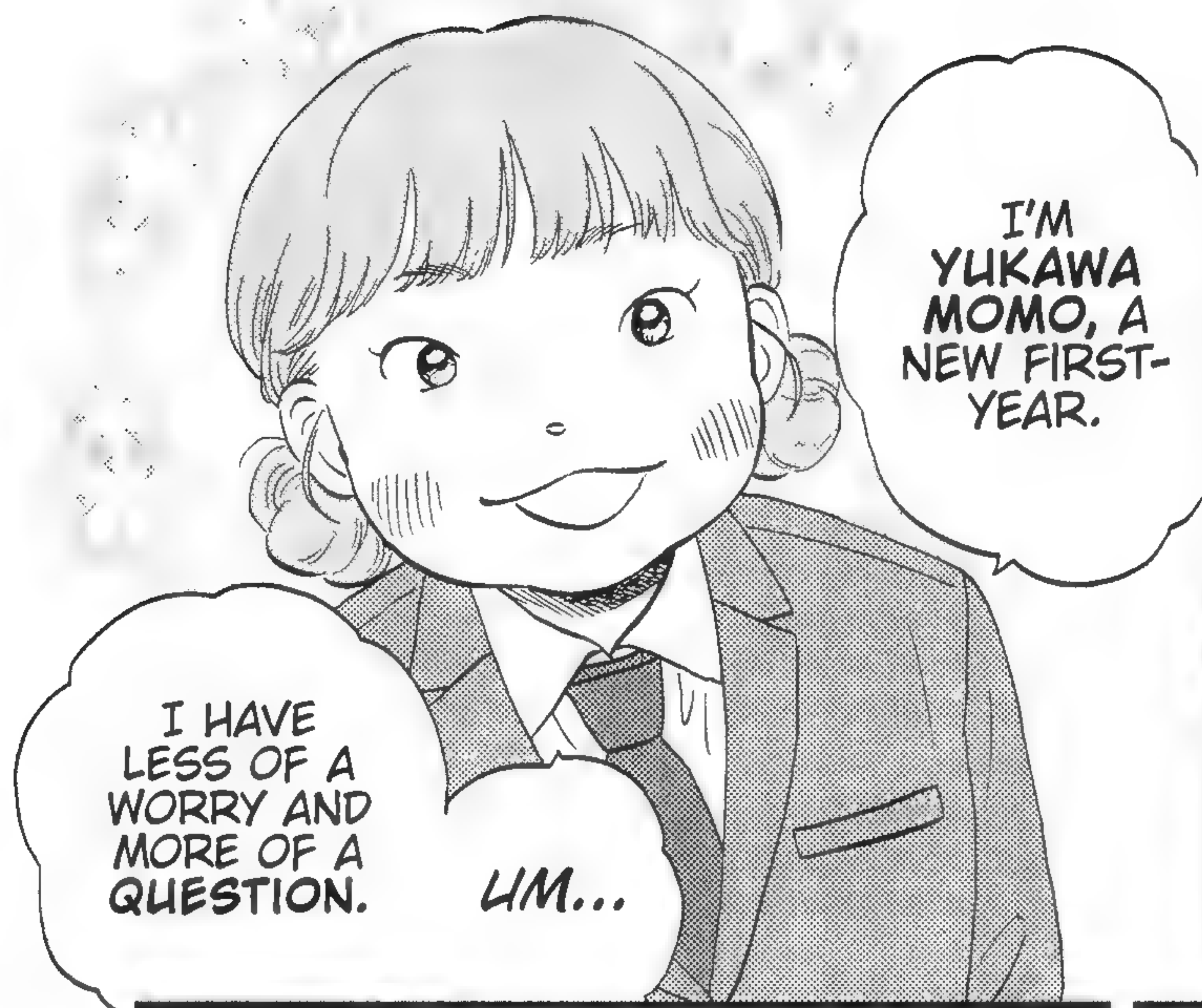
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?



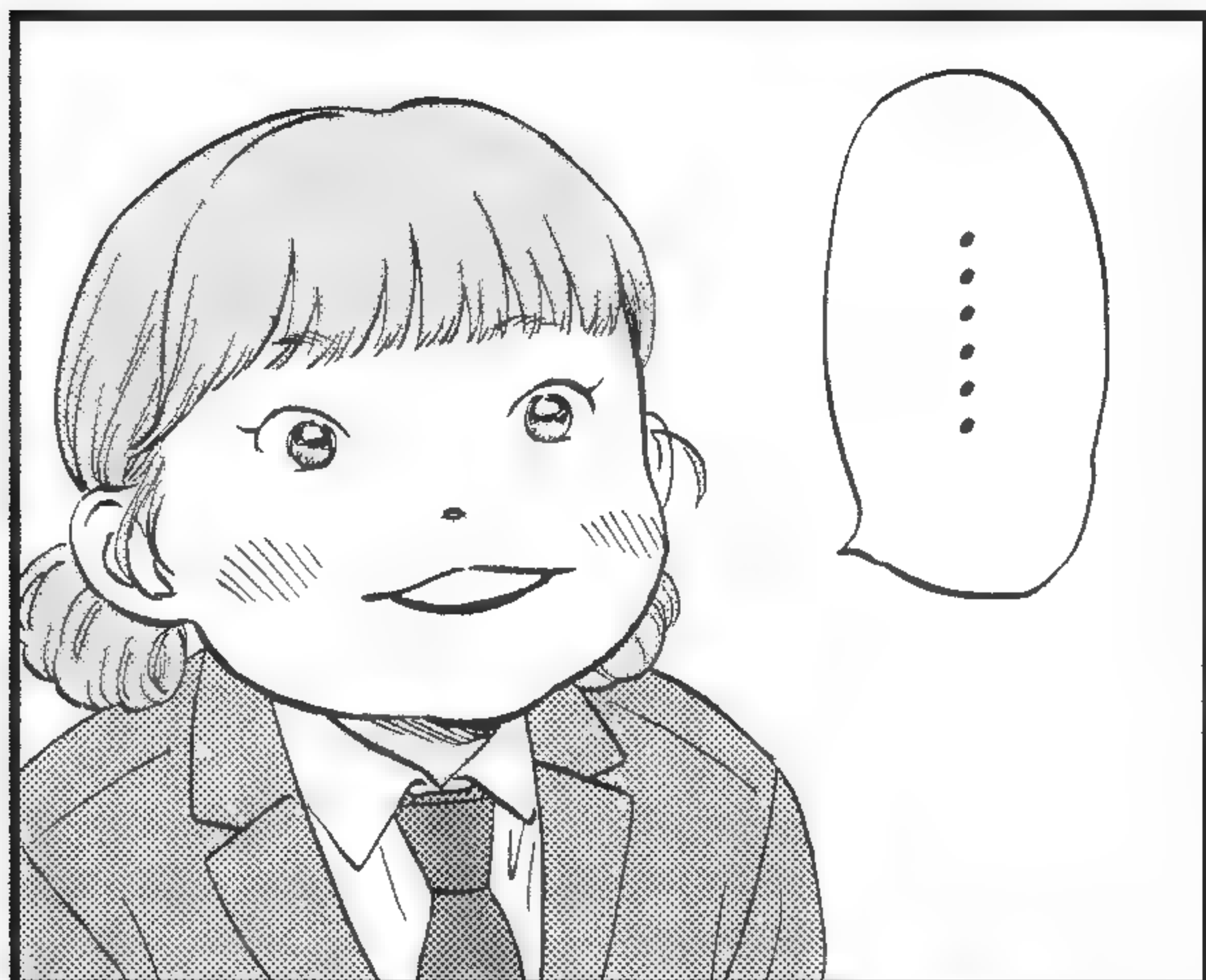
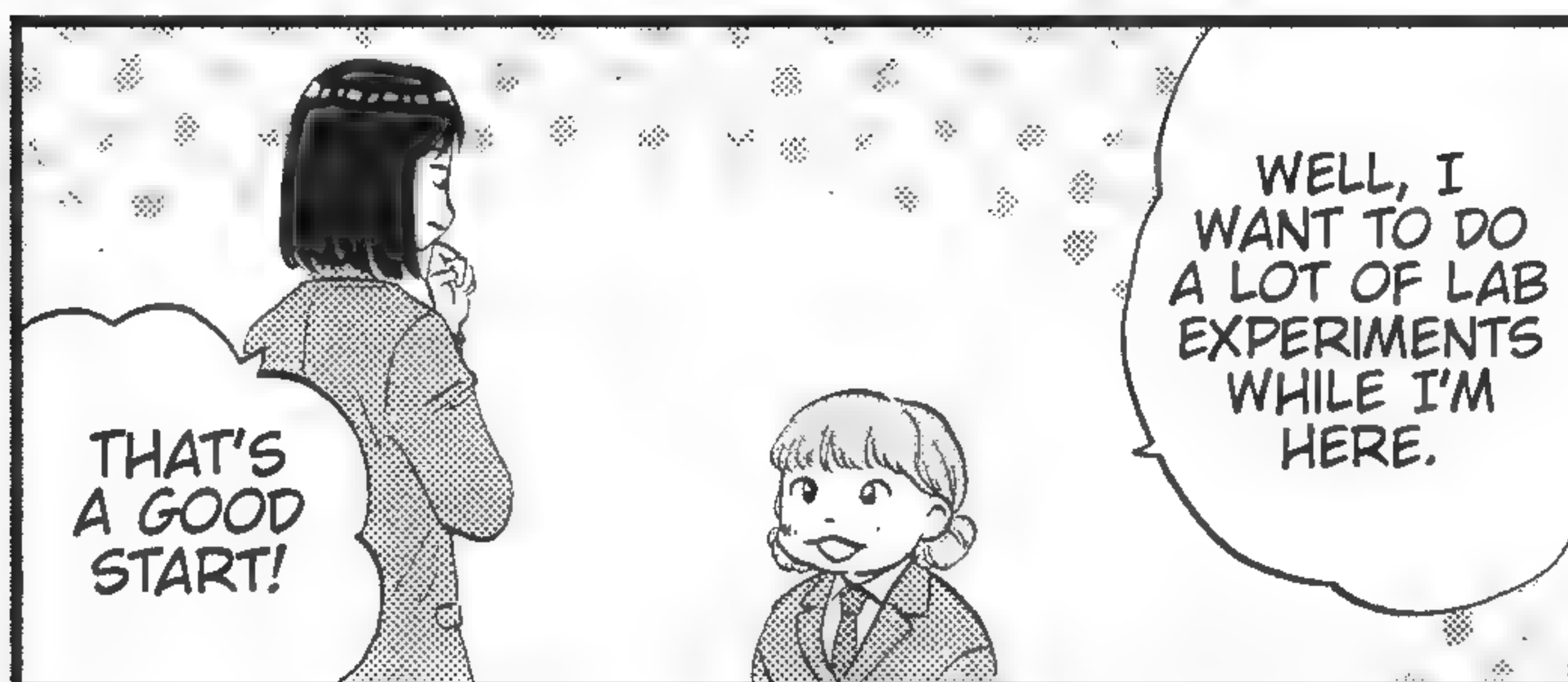
PLEASE, TAKE A SEAT!

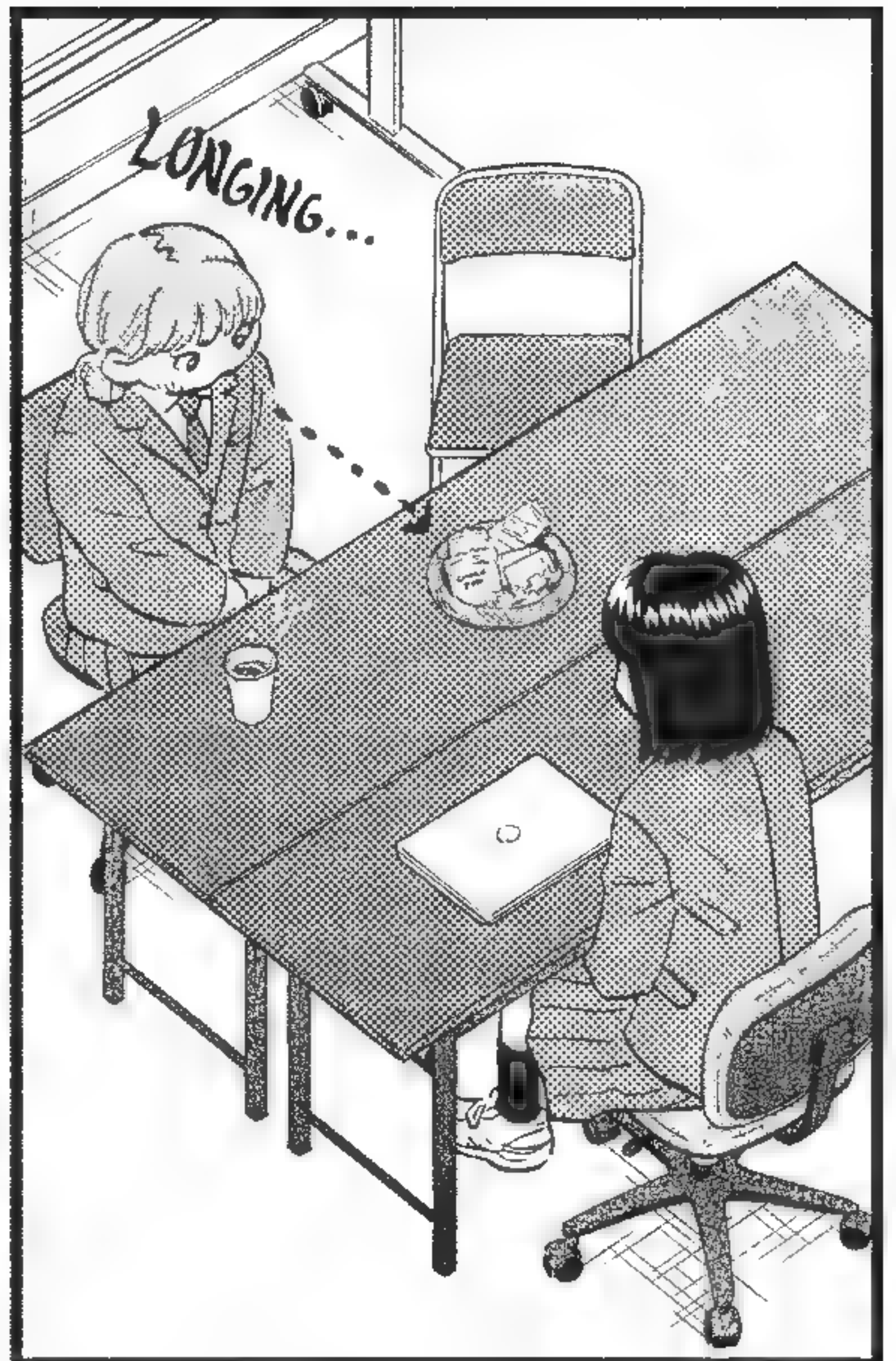
YES, ABSOLUTELY!

THANK YOU.











"You're so cool!"

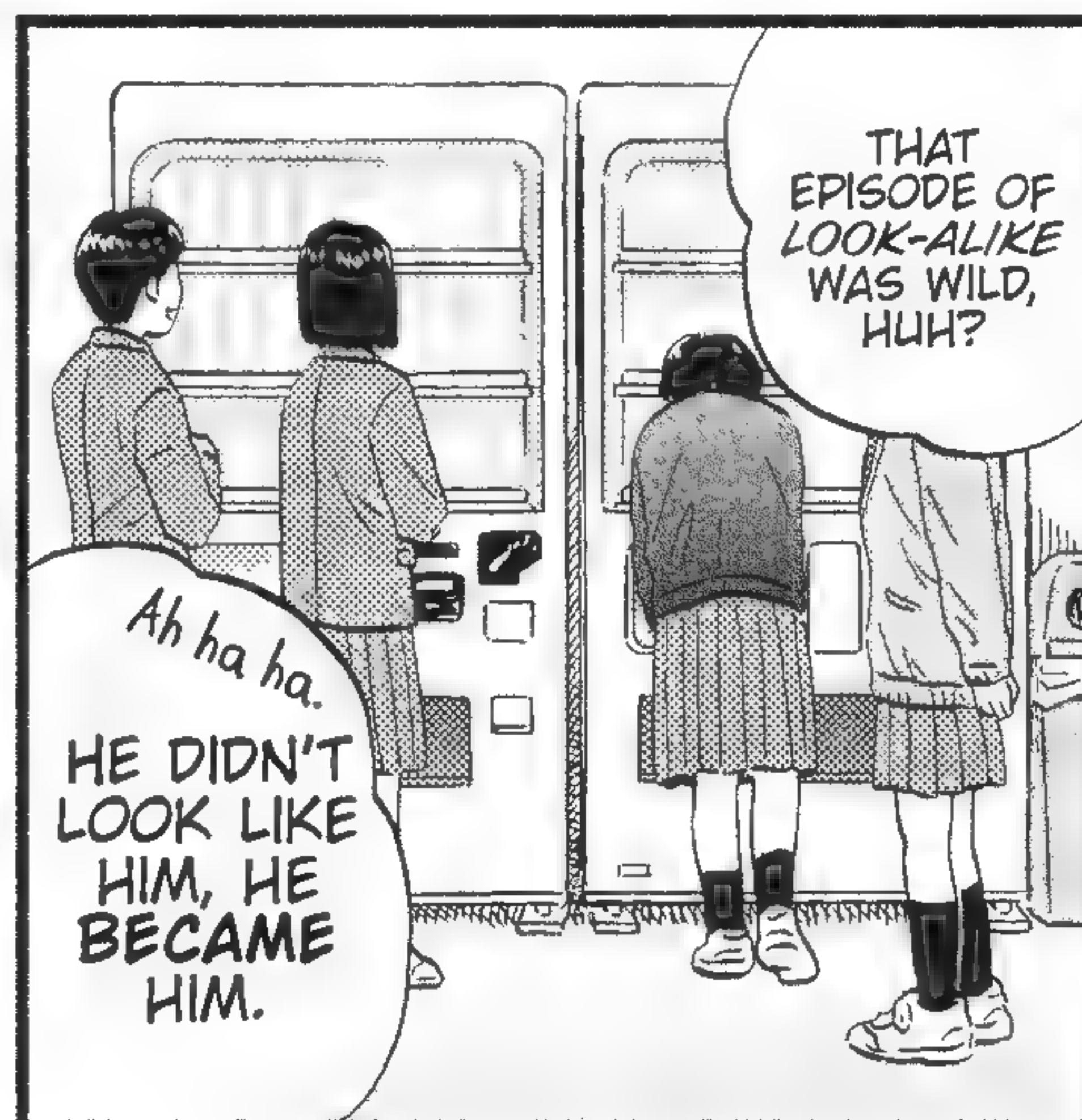
Hee hee...

After all, she already looks up to me.



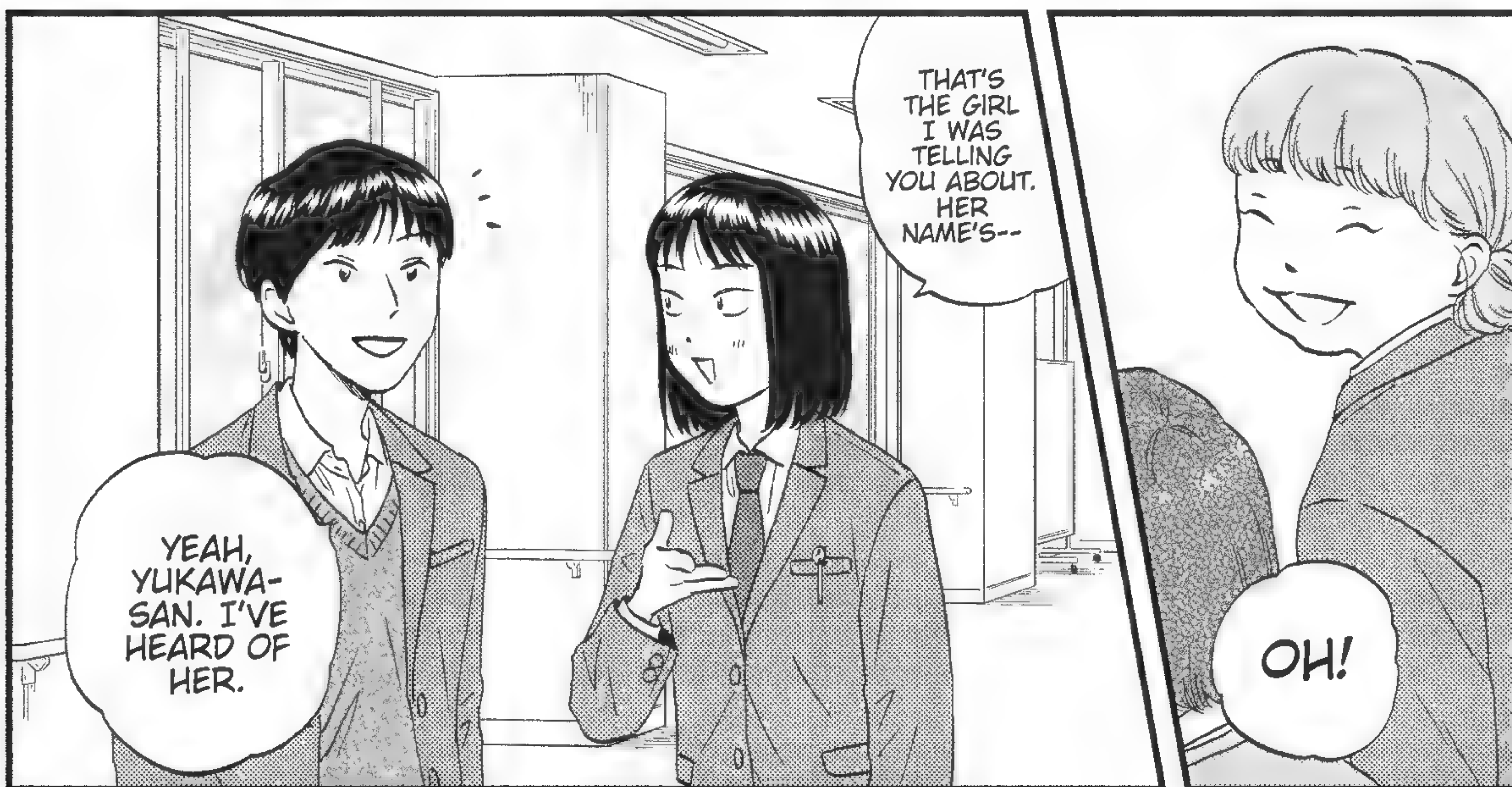
YEAH? THAT'S PRETTY COOL.

YES, SHE'LL DEFINITELY JOIN OUR CLUB. I CAN FEEL IT.



THAT EPISODE OF LOOK-ALIKE WAS WILD, HUH?

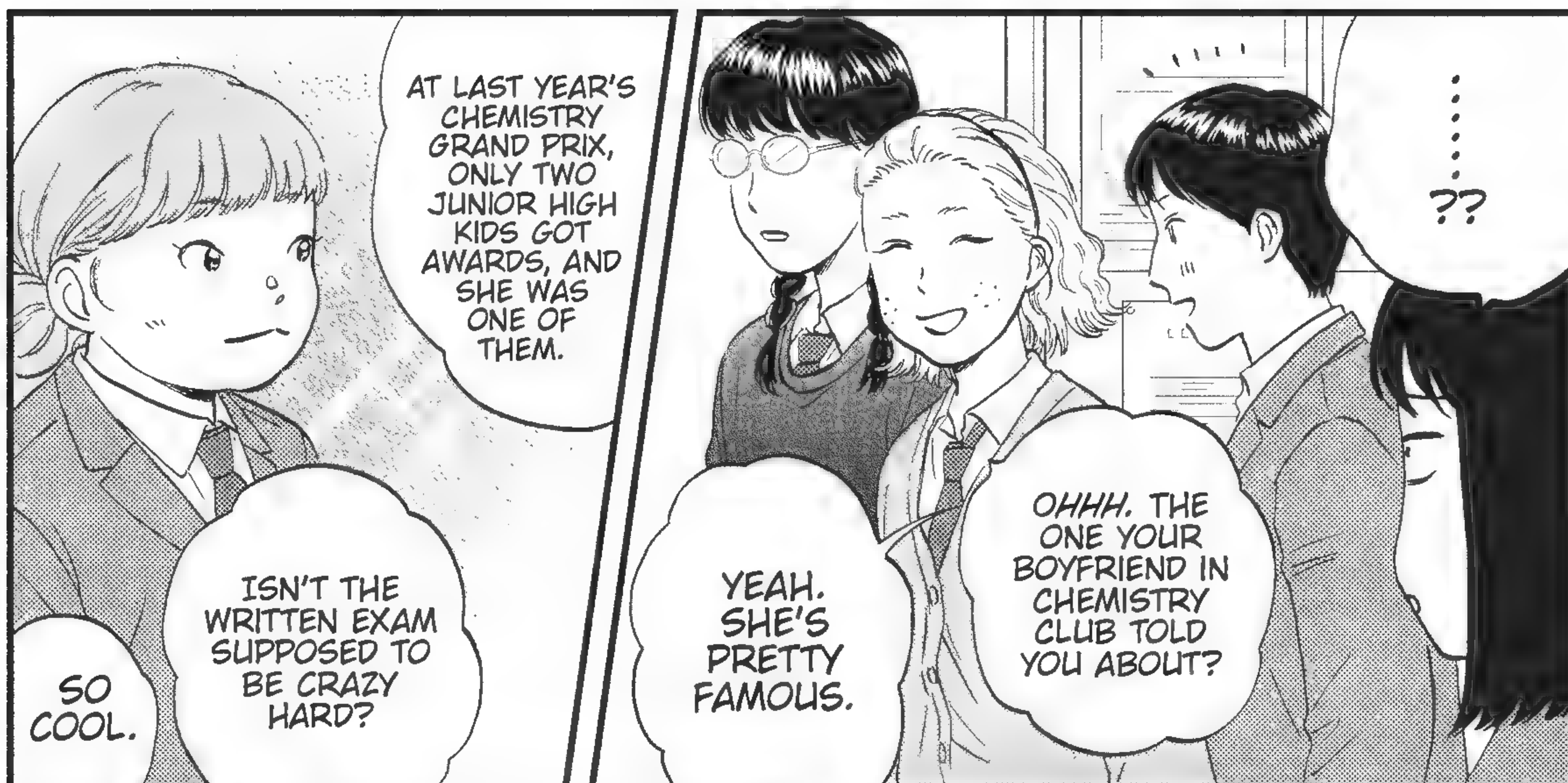
Ah ha ha.
HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE HIM, HE BECAME HIM.



THAT'S THE GIRL I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT. HER NAME'S--

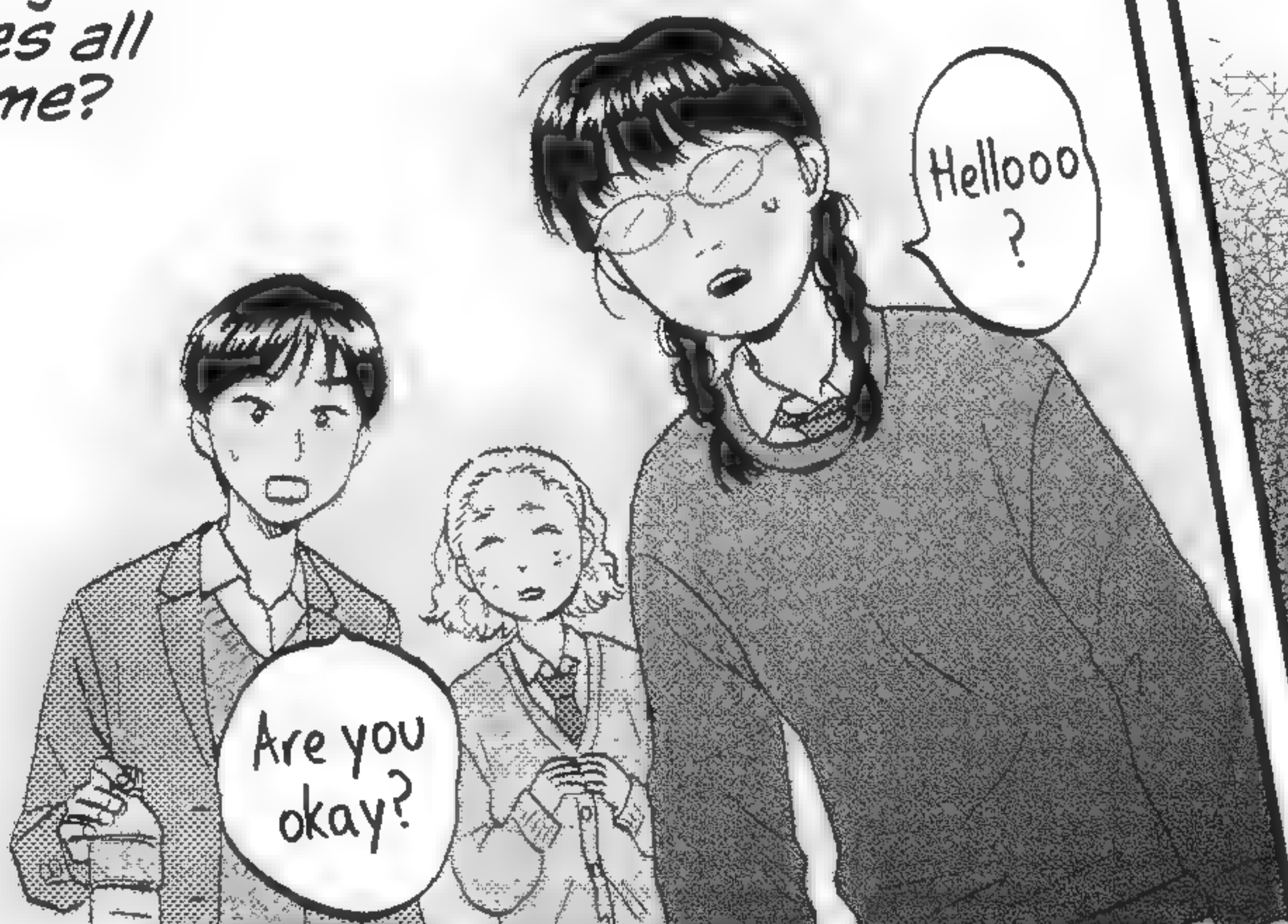
YEAH, YUKAWA-SAN. I'VE HEARD OF HER.

OH!



What makes me think I know anything about anything when I keep making mistakes all the time?

What made me think I'm the least bit qualified to give anyone advice just because I'm a year or two older than them?



How mortifying.

I gave an expert secondhand info about her own subject!





CLASSIC
MITSUMI.

Heeee!



AH
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
HA!



AW,
COME
ONNN!
I SAID
I WAS
SORRY.



With
an iron
grip!

I WAS
TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT
WHY SHE
GRABBED MY
ARM WITH
THAT
UNHINGED
LOOK IN HER
EYES.



OH, DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

IT'LL
WORK
ITSELF
OUT.

NOW I'M
AFRAID I'VE
COMPLETELY
TURNED HER
OFF FROM
THE CLUB.

SAY
"GOODBYE
FOREVER"
TO MY DAYS
AS A COOL
SENPAI.



IT ALL
COMES
DOWN TO
WHETHER
SHE FEELS
LIKE IT'S A
GOOD FIT.

JUST RELAX
AND BE
YOURSELF.

ANYWAY, IT
ISN'T YOUR
COOLNESS
THAT MAKES
YOU SPECIAL,
MITSUMI.



DWE
HEH
HEH...

SO WHAT
DOES
MAKE ME
SPECIAL?

YEEEAH?

*Be
natural.
Hunh.*

*they'll
see
through
it after a
while.*

*If I
maintain a
mask with
someone I
see every
day...*

I DON'T
WANT
MITSUMI
TO GET A
SWELLED
HEAD.

o.o

YEAH, I'M
GONNA
KEEP MY
MOUTH SHUT
ON THAT
ONE.

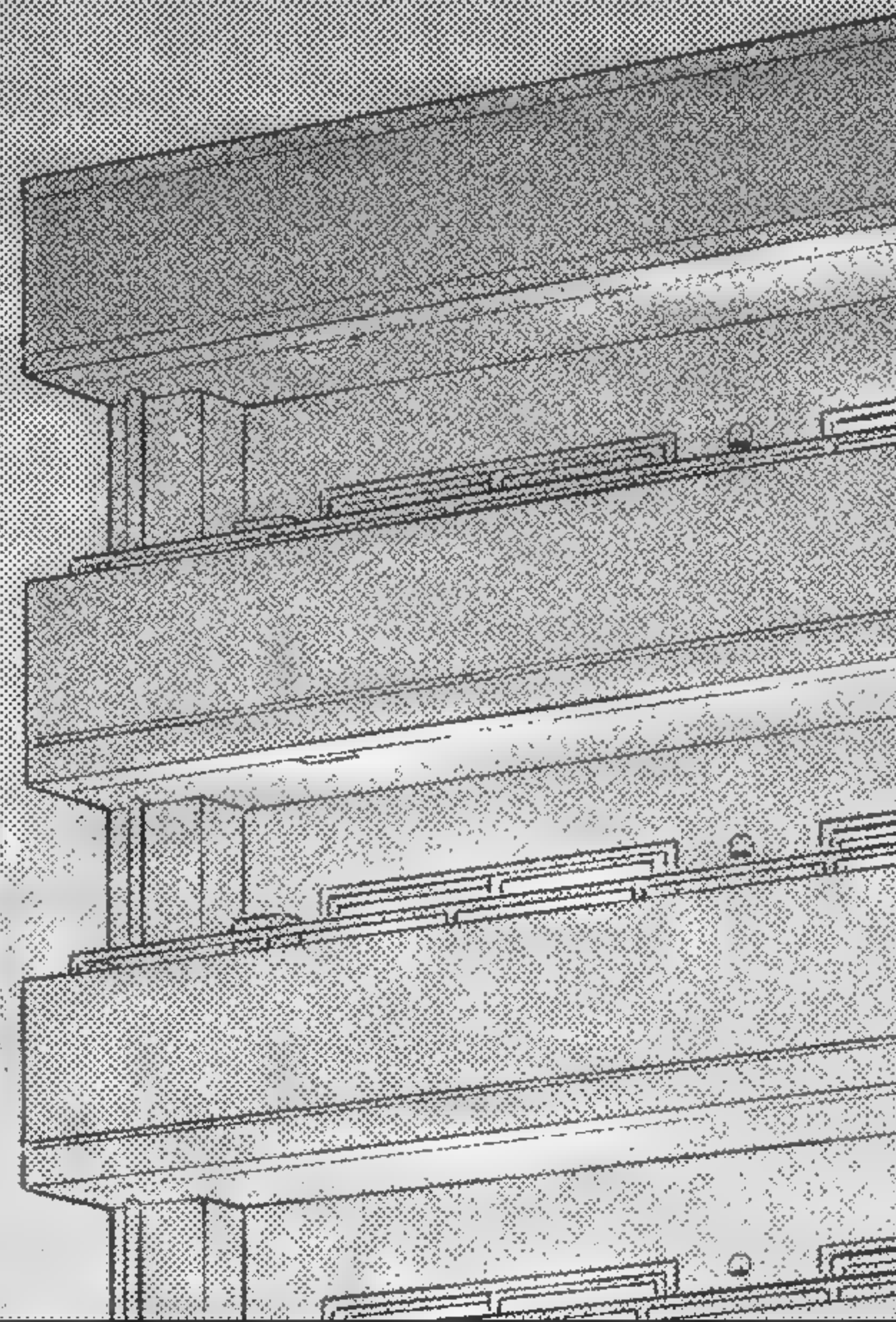
o.o

WHAT
??!!

YOU KNOW,
I THINK
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

o.o

Do they
have a
psychic
link?!





IS THIS ABOUT THE SOCCER CLUB BUDGET AGAIN?



HEY, SO, I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEBODY. 'BOUT MY ISSUES.



GOT ANY WORDS OF SUPPORT OR ANY-THING?!

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE IN MAY.

WHAT?!



GET IN LINE, THEN. EVERYONE ELSE IS MAKING DO WITH WHAT THEY HAVE.

SORTA. OUR GEAR'S OLD. I WANT NEW STUFF. NEW BALLS.

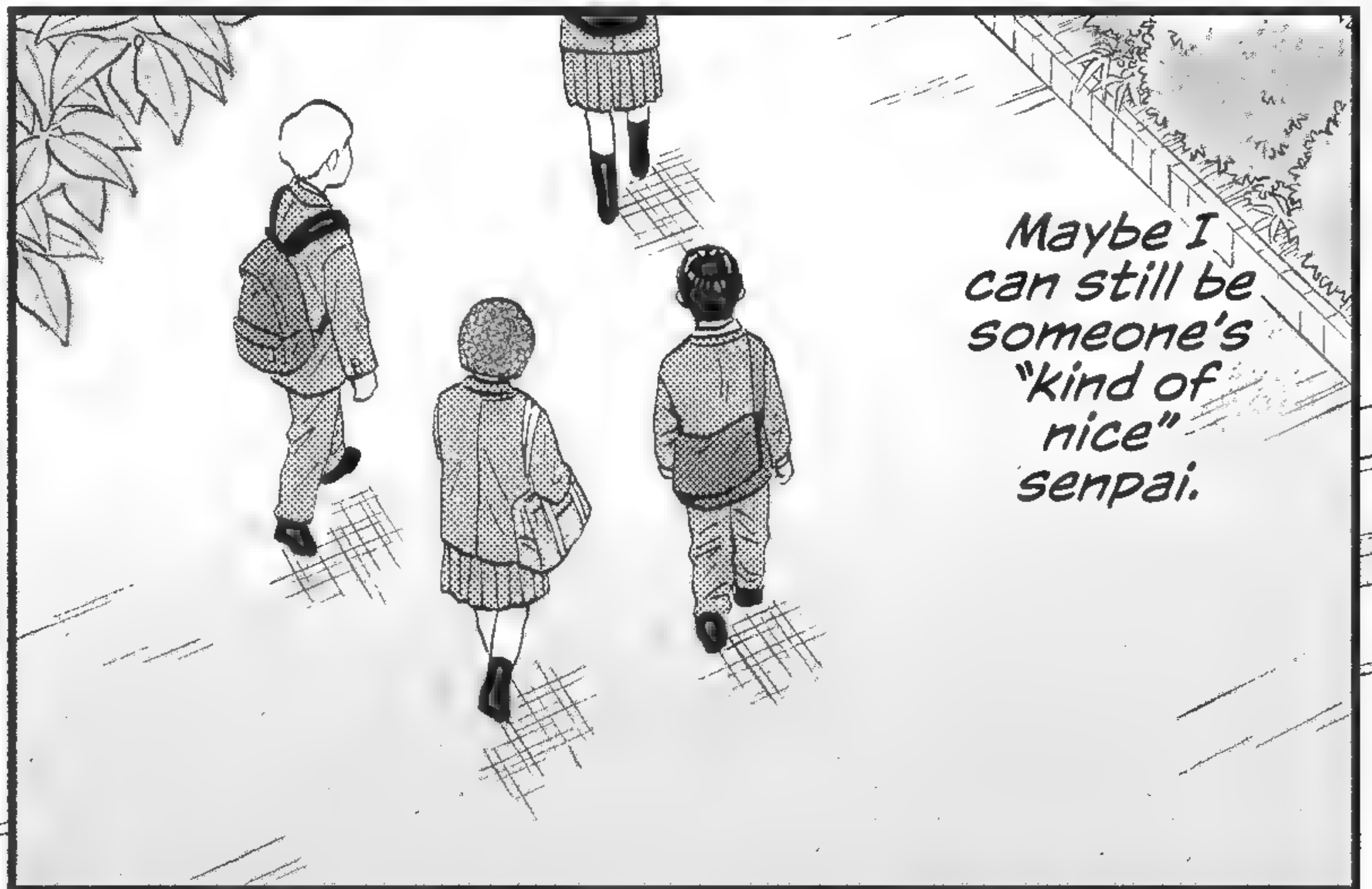
ANYWAY, I'M NO LONGER TREASURER, SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE.

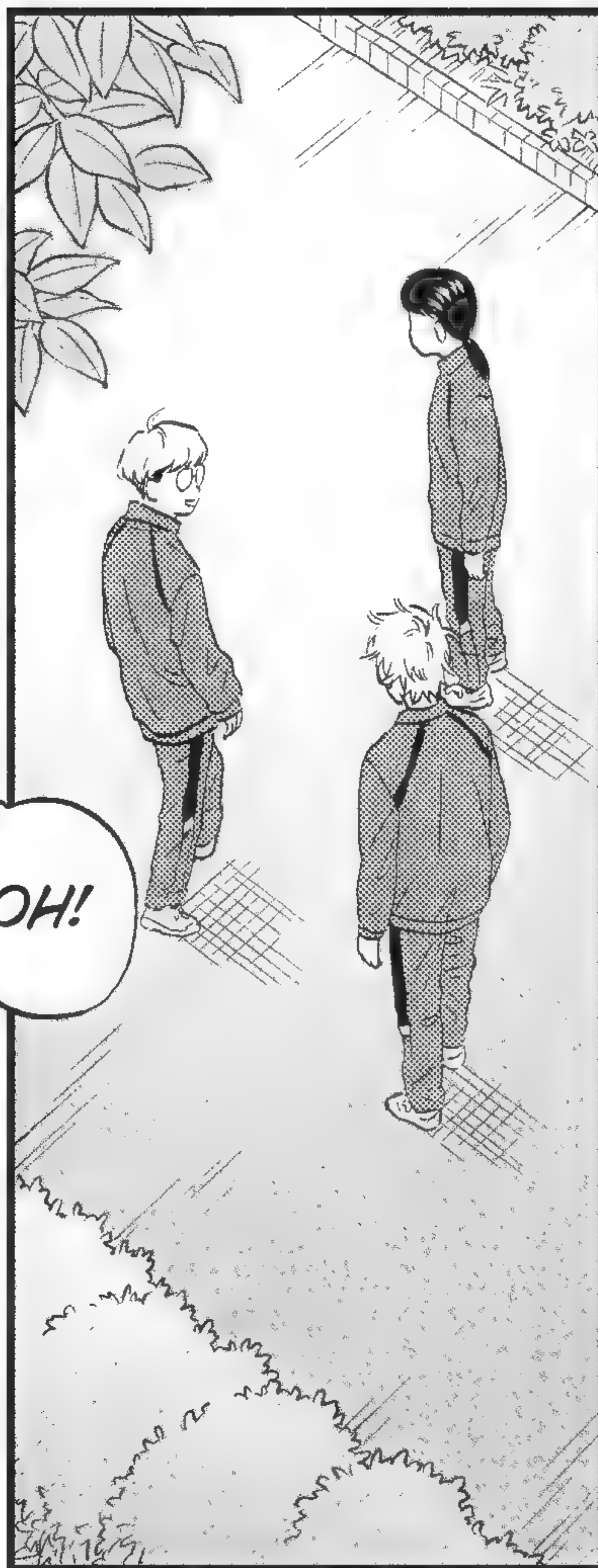
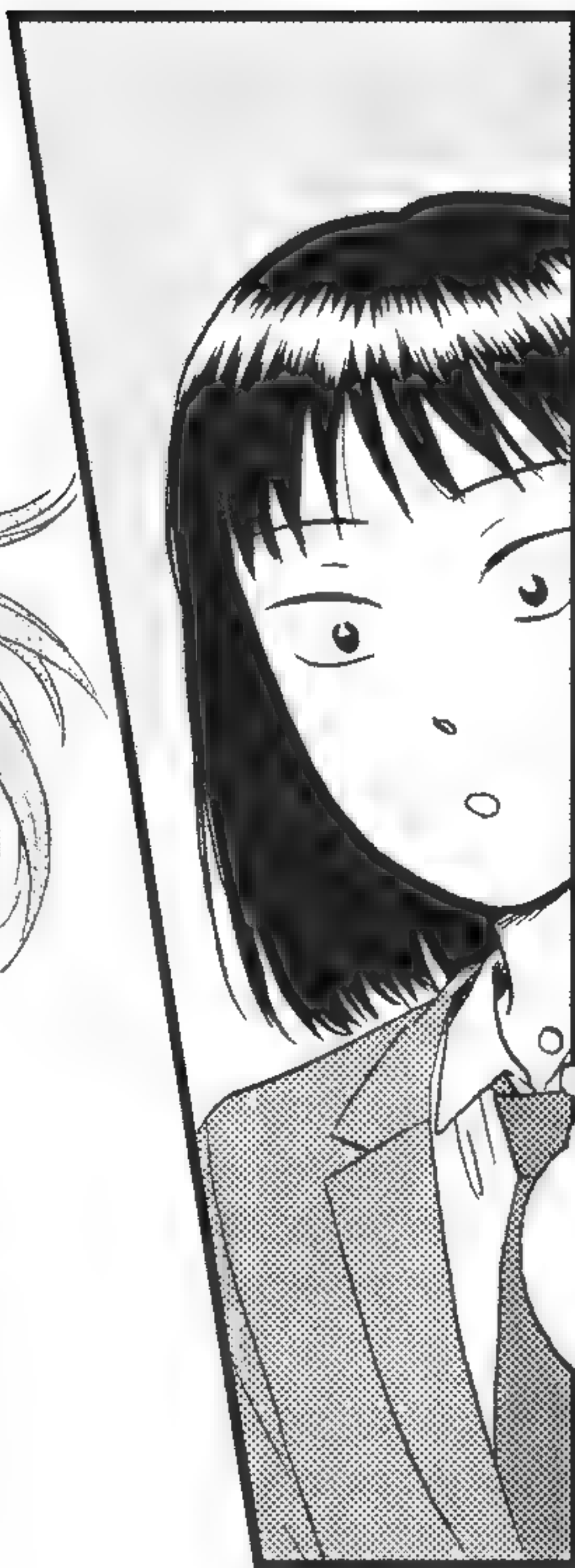


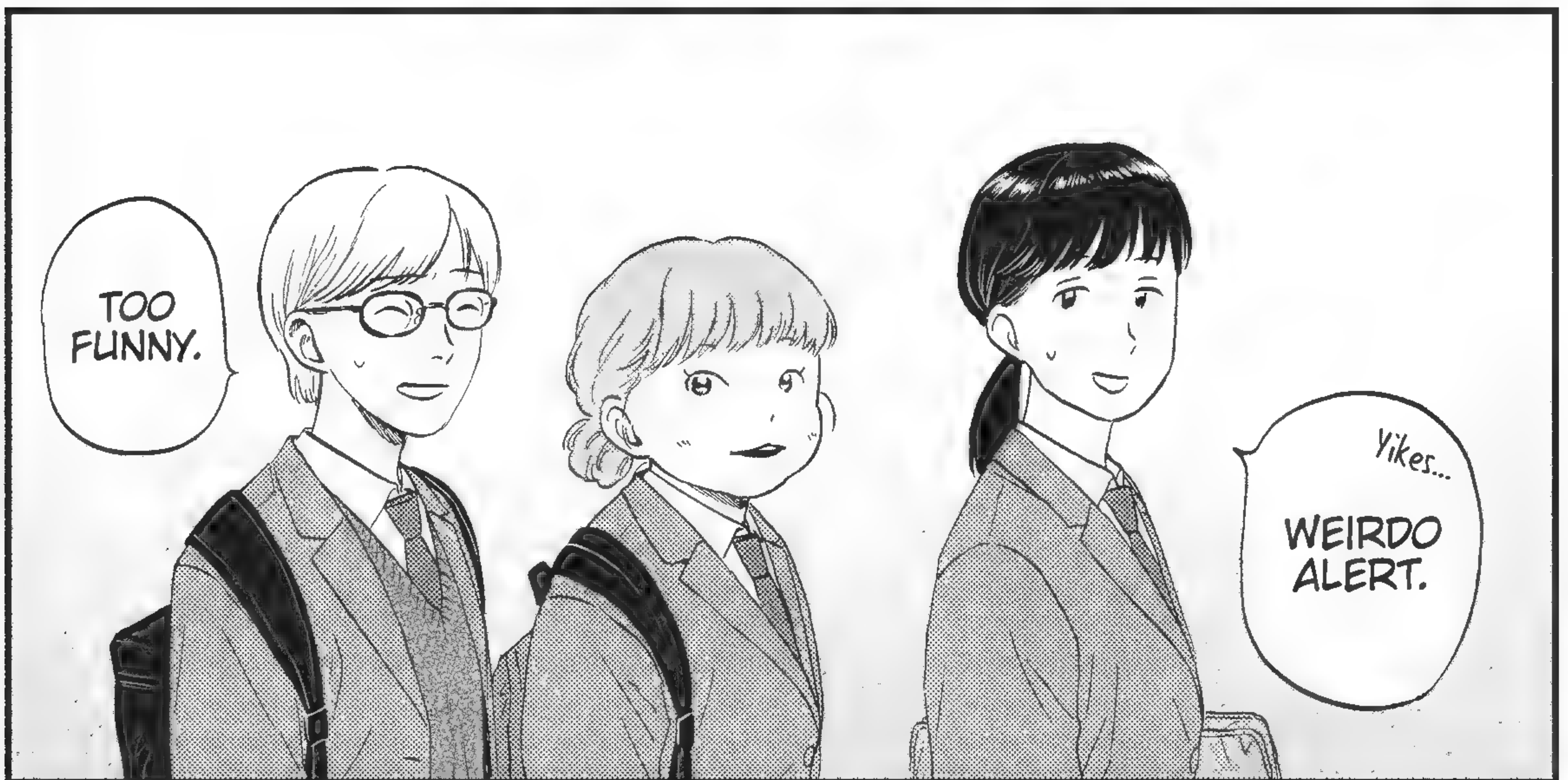
I AIN'T HERE FOR THAT TODAY.

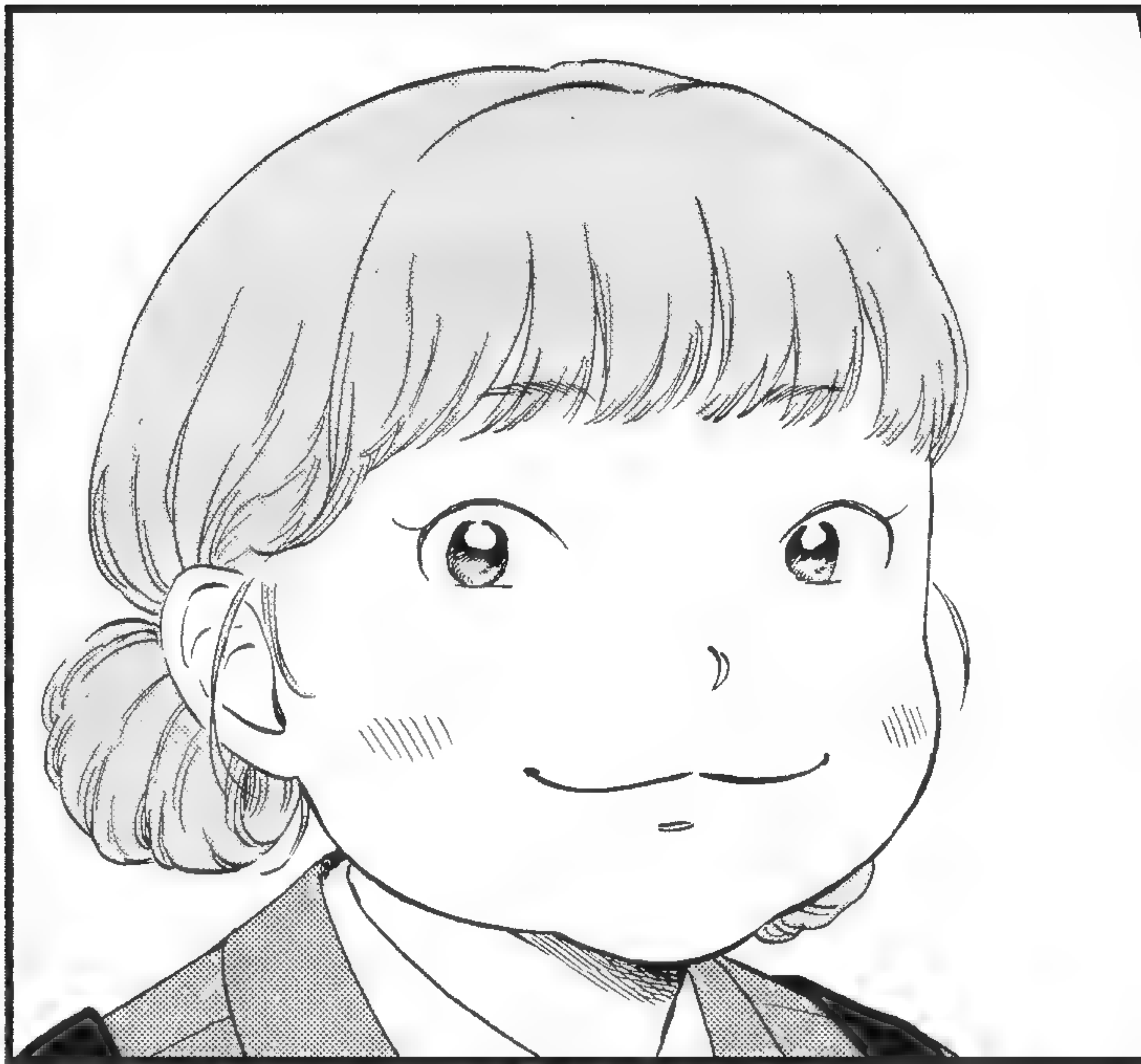














YOU'LL
BE A REAL
BEAUTY
SOMEDAY.

BETTER
MARK MY
CALENDAR!

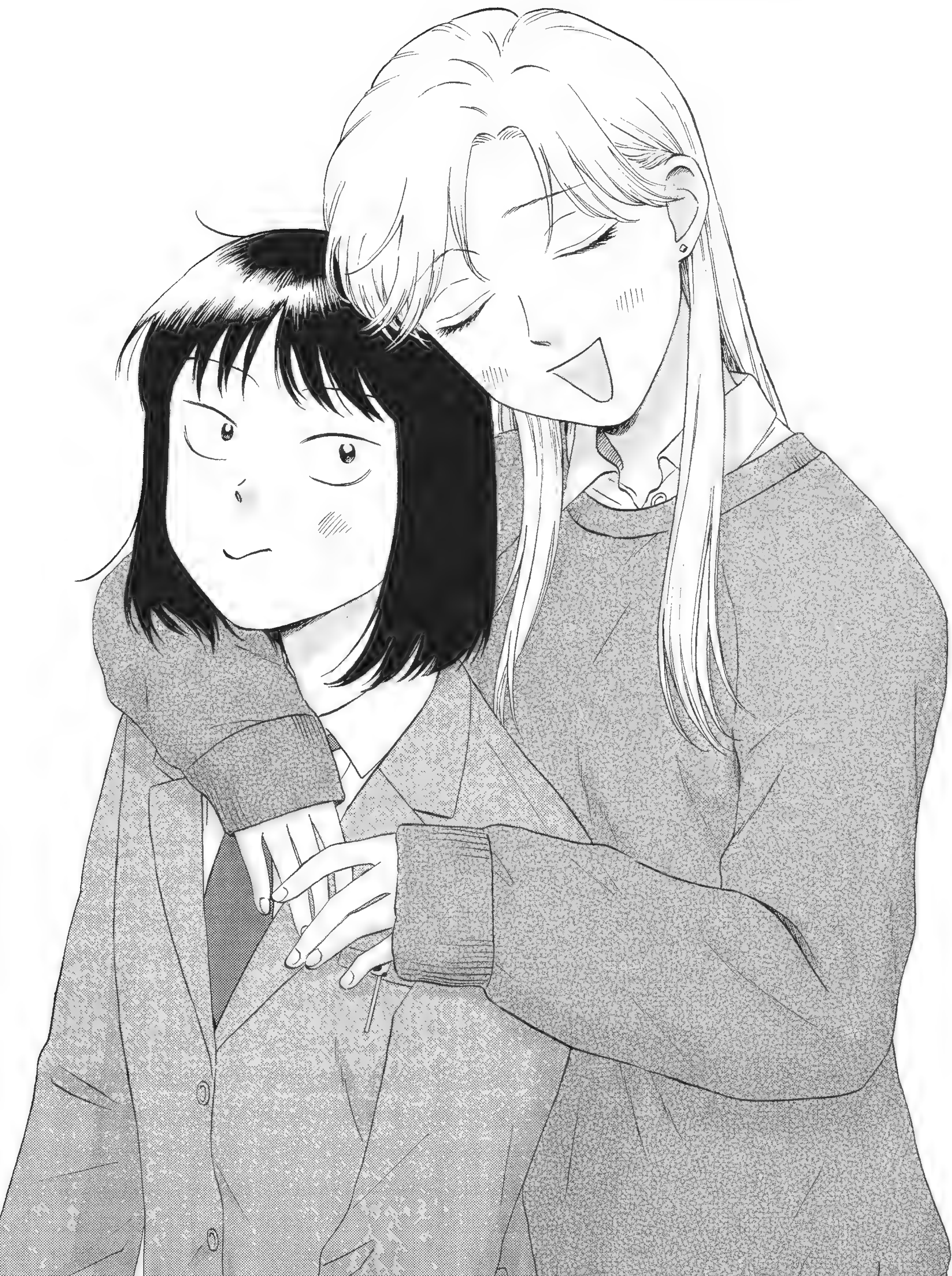
*I never
thought too
hard about
comments like
that as a kid. A
compliment's a
compliment,
right?*

*and
why?*



LOOK AT
THIS LITTLE
ANGEL.

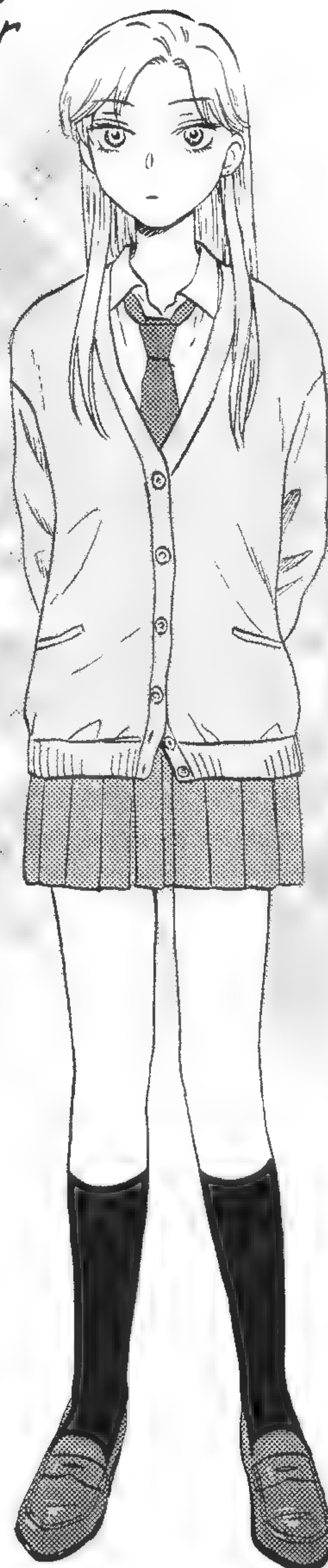
*But who's
counting
down the
days until
I become
a real
beauty...*





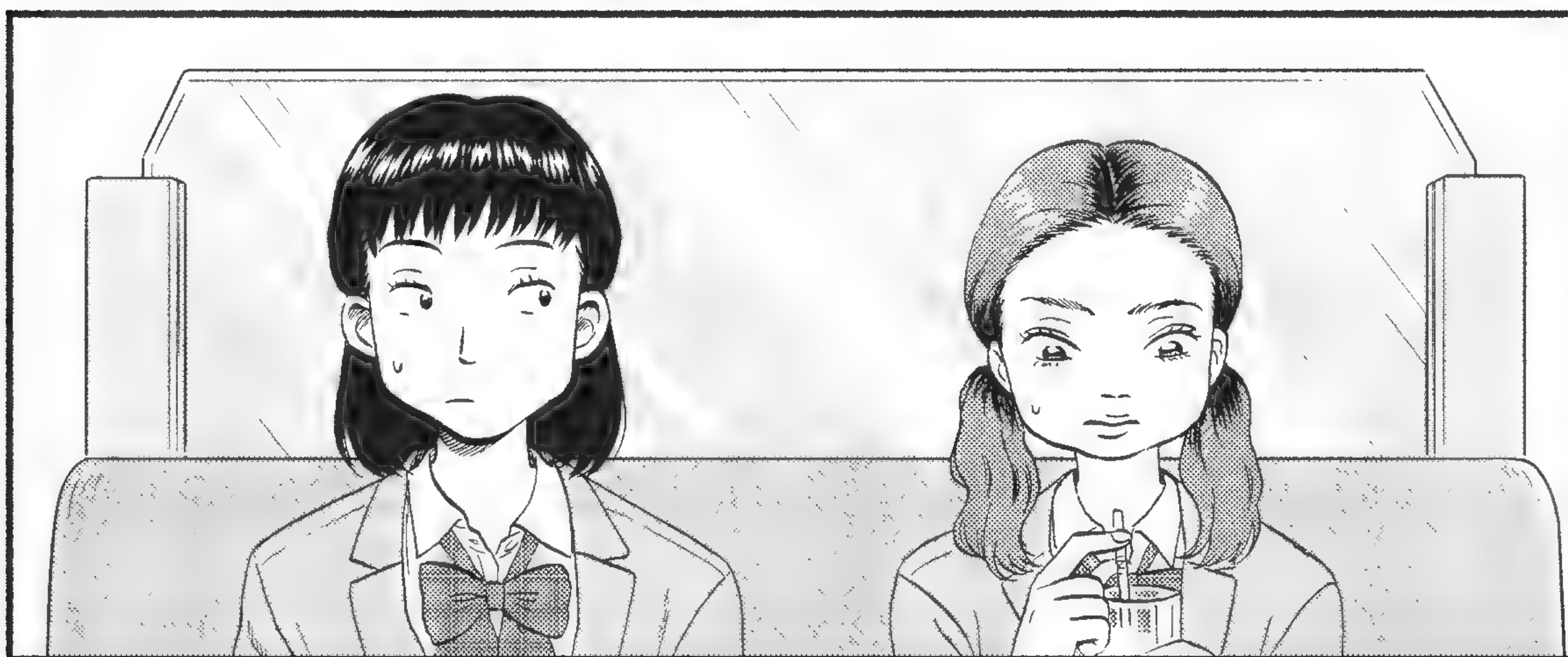
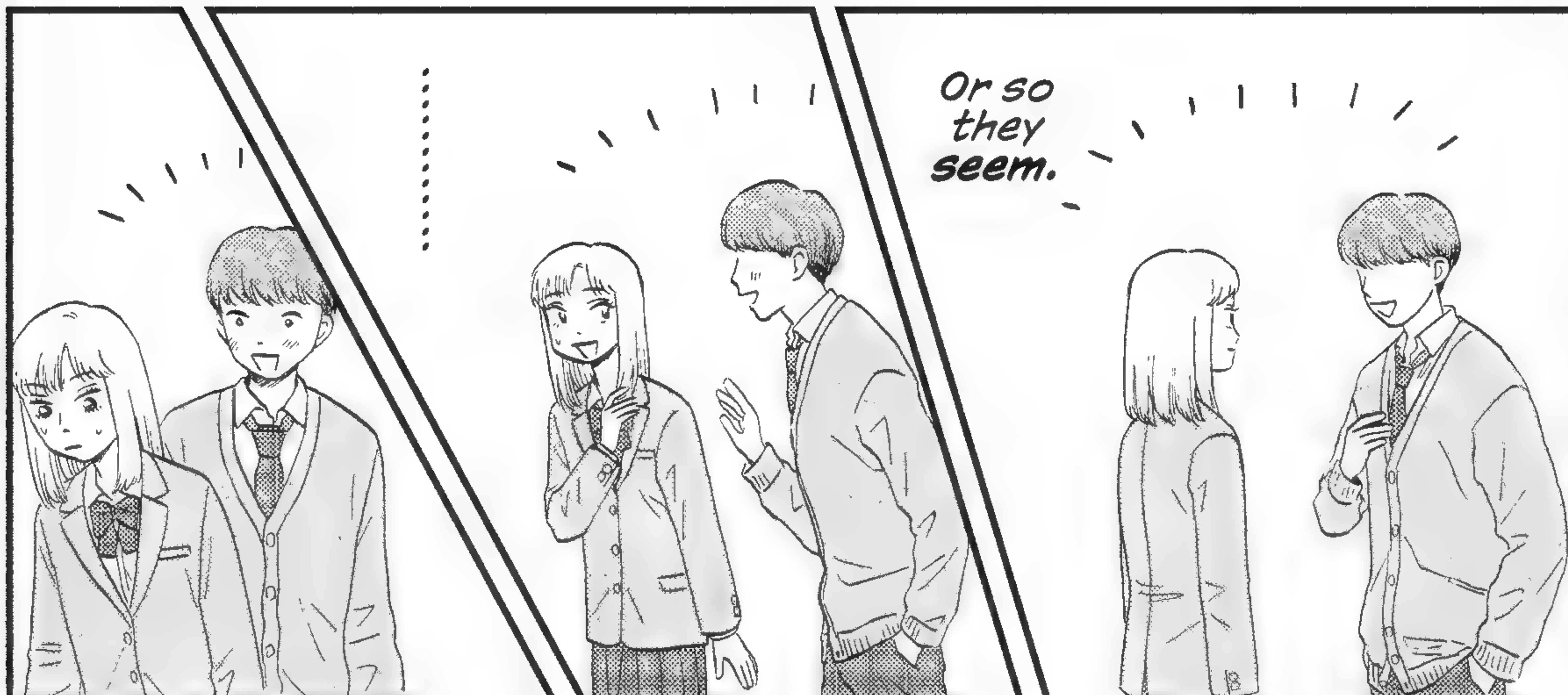
I'm conventionally attractive. People compliment me wherever I go.

I must look like I have it all.

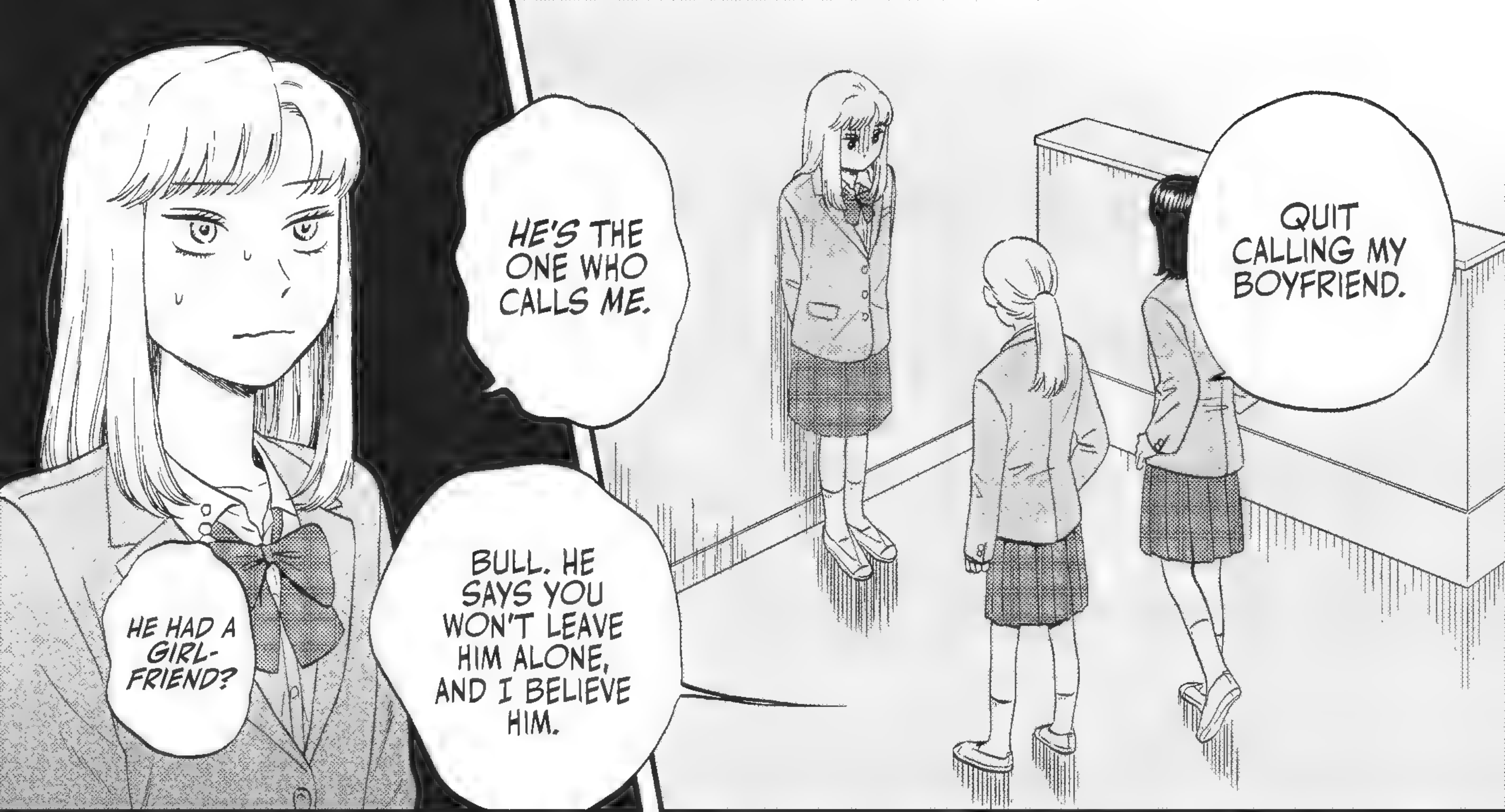


My family is well-off, and we all get along.

When I was small, we lived in America because of work. That's where I attended an international school.





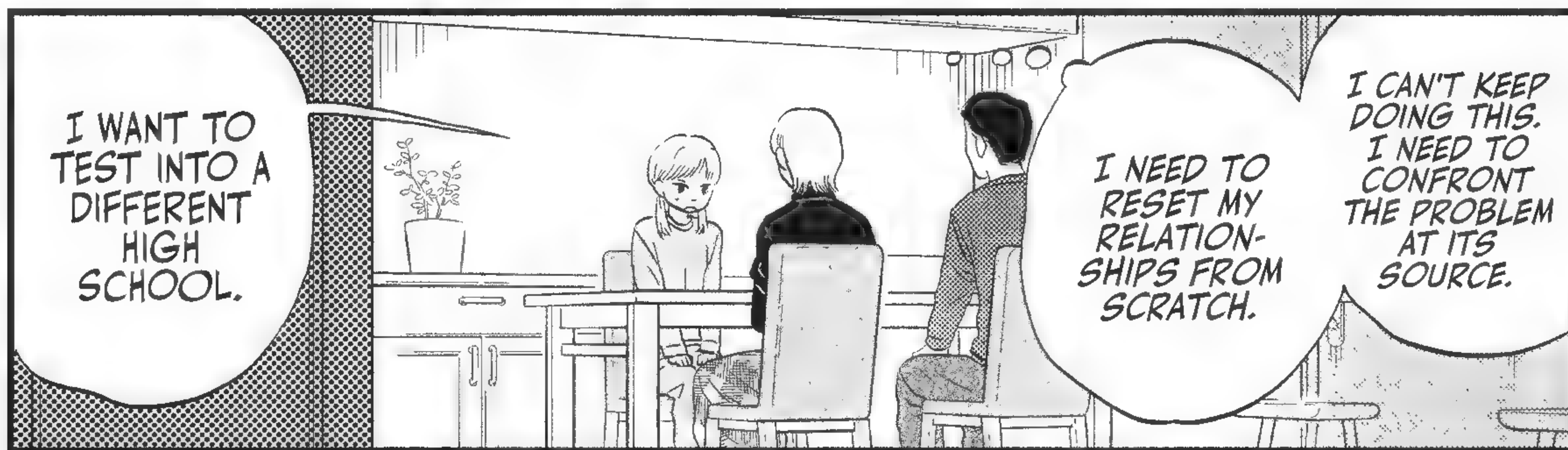


HE HAD A
GIRL-
FRIEND?

HE'S THE
ONE WHO
CALLS ME.

BULL. HE
SAYS YOU
WON'T LEAVE
HIM ALONE,
AND I BELIEVE
HIM.

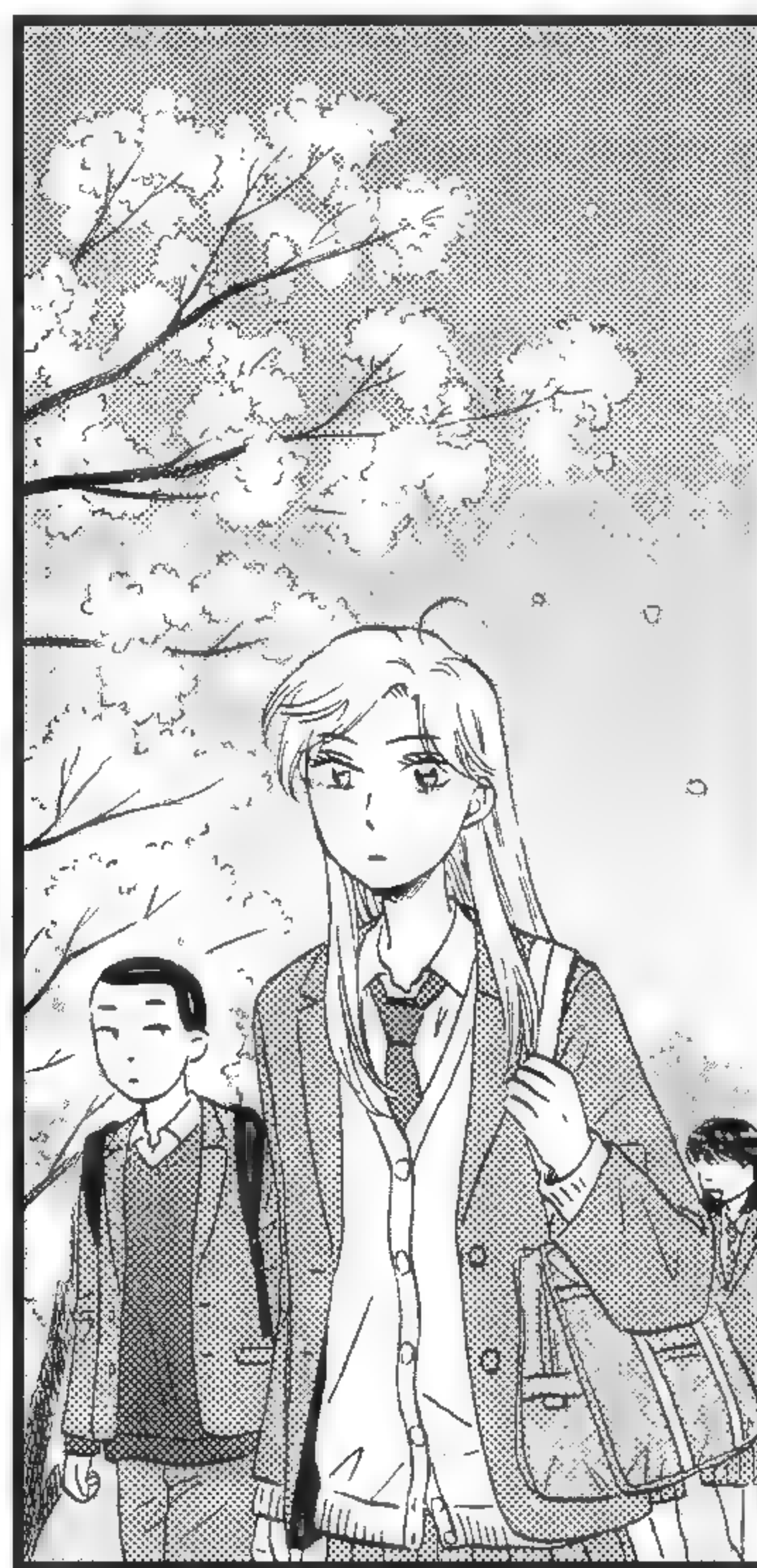
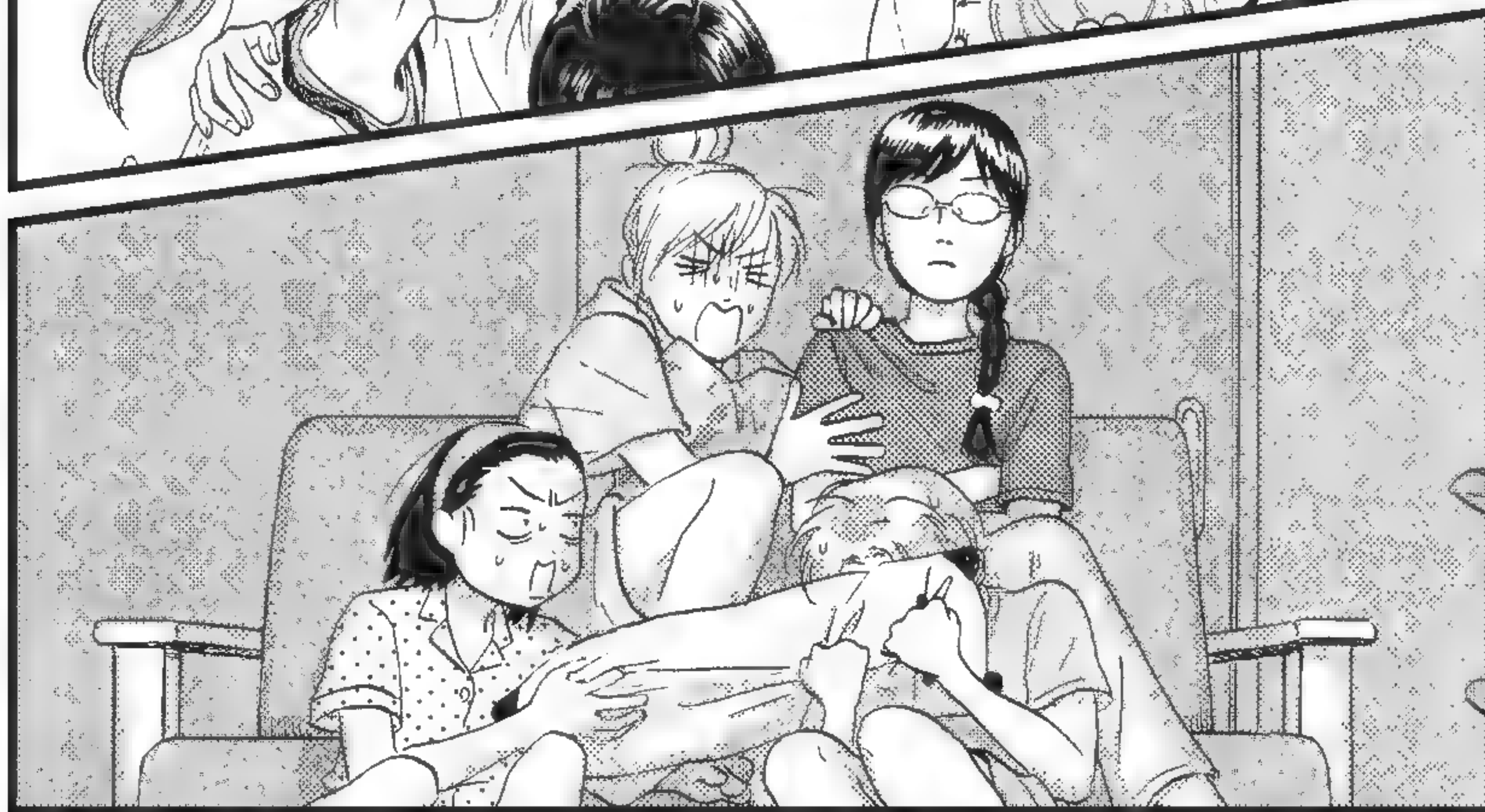
QUIT
CALLING MY
BOYFRIEND.

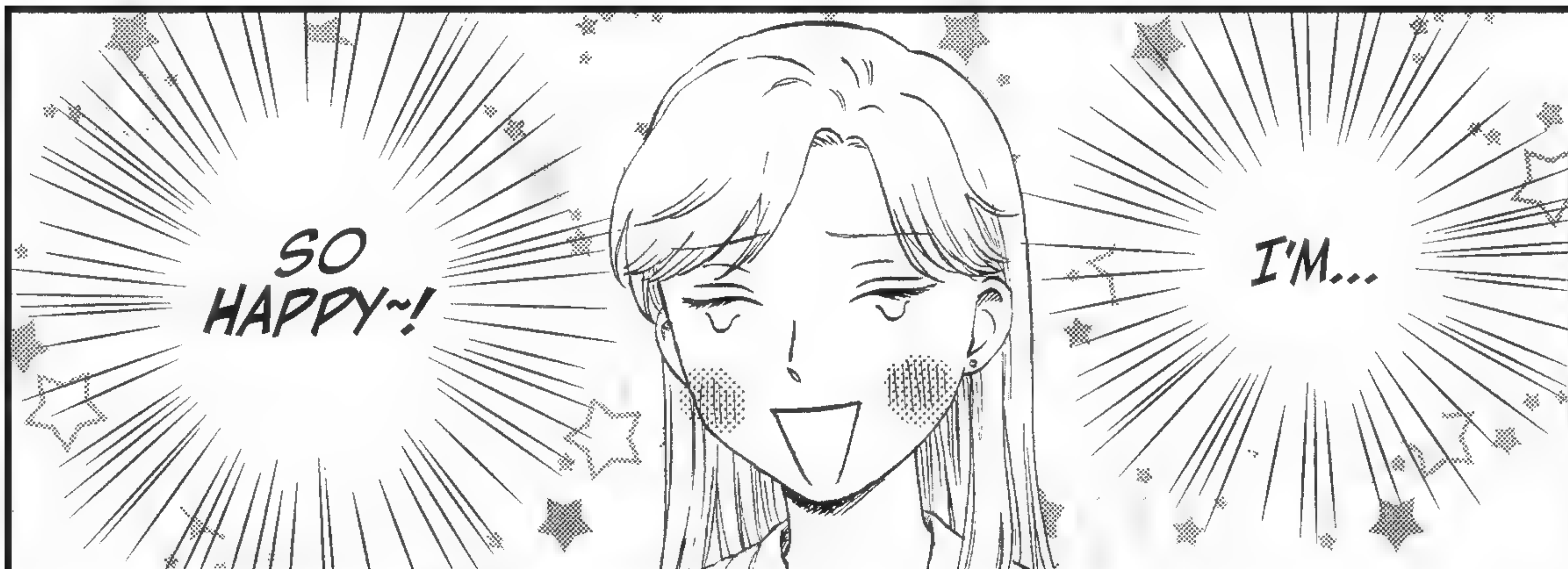


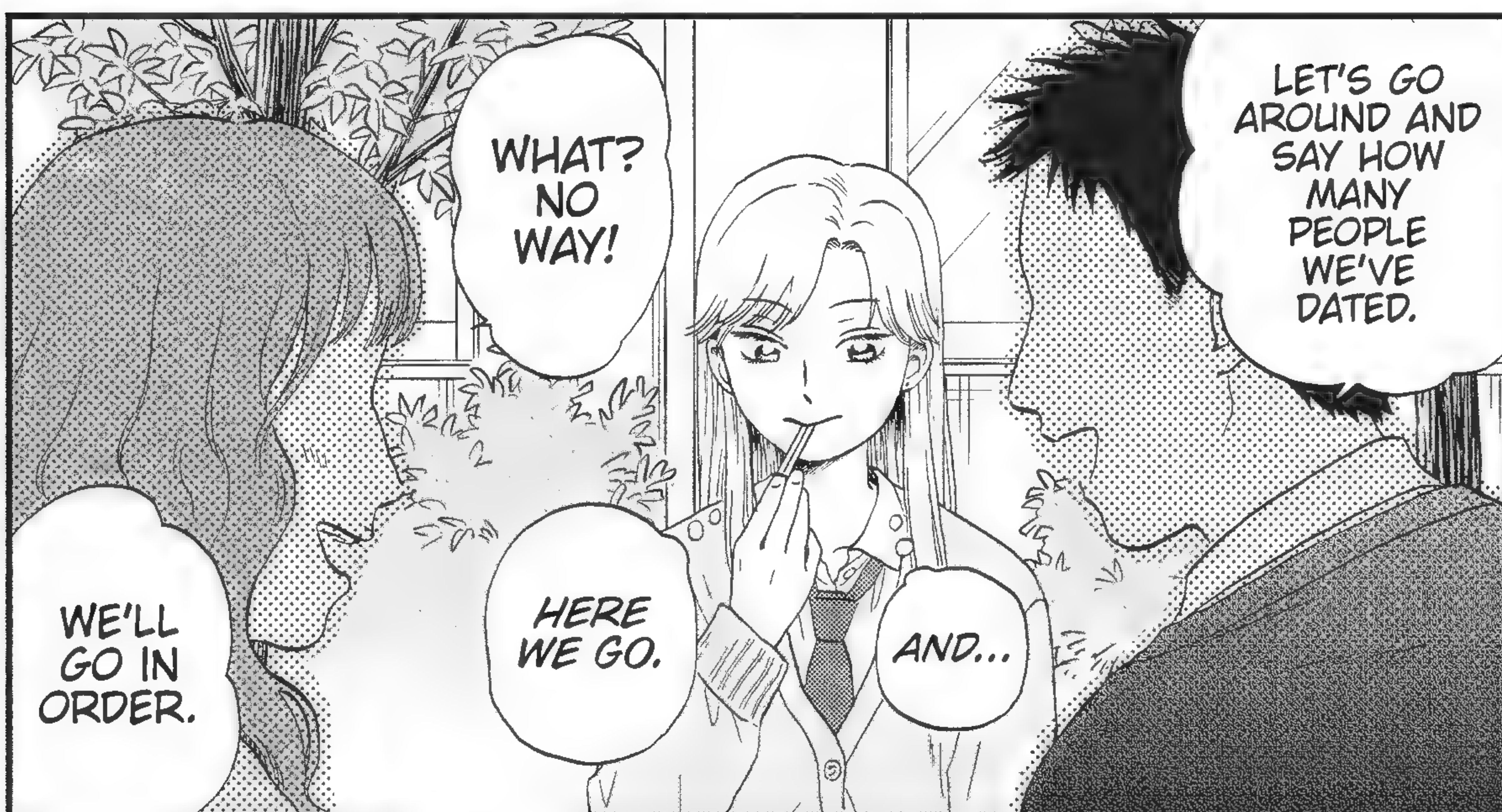
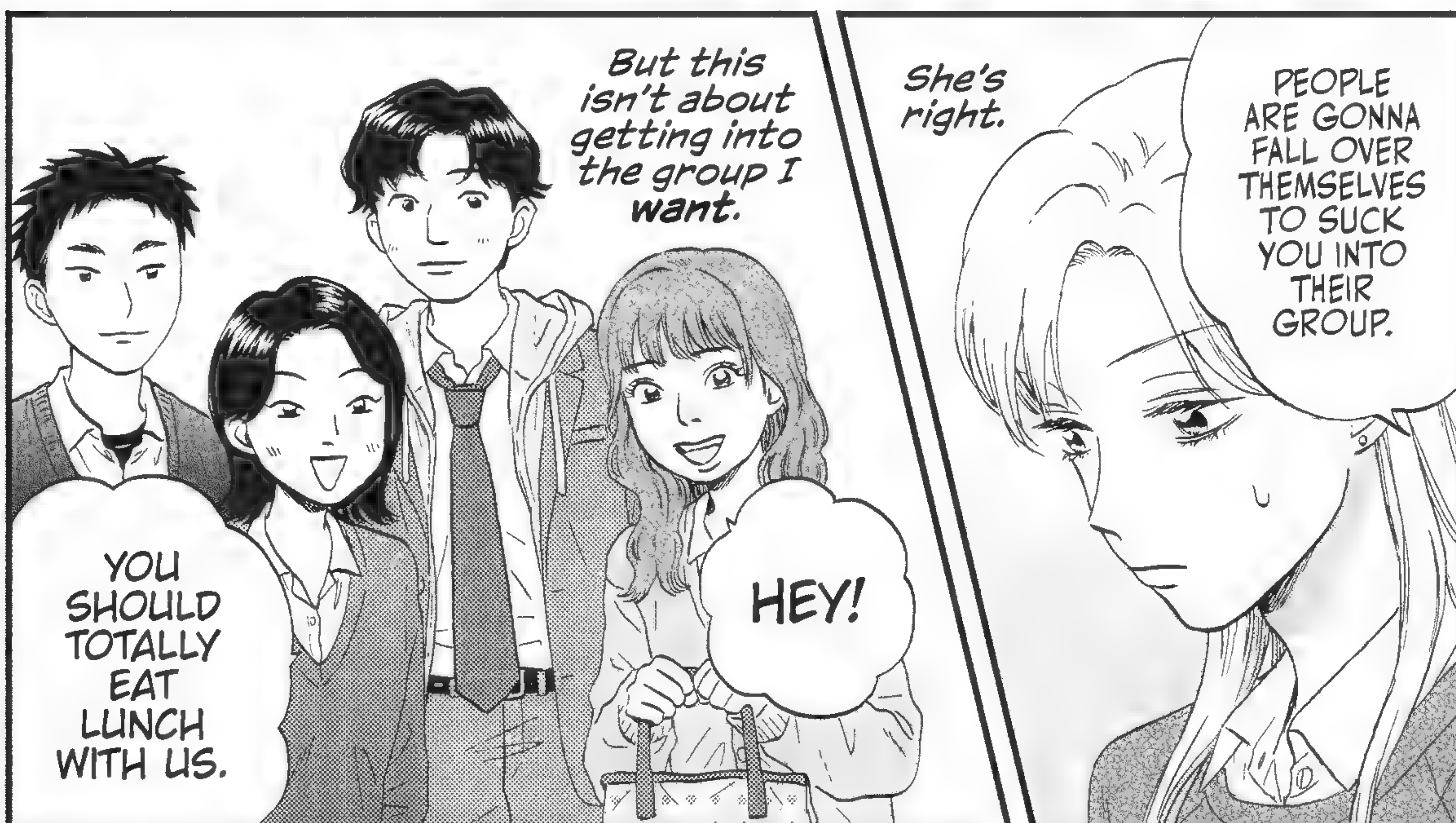
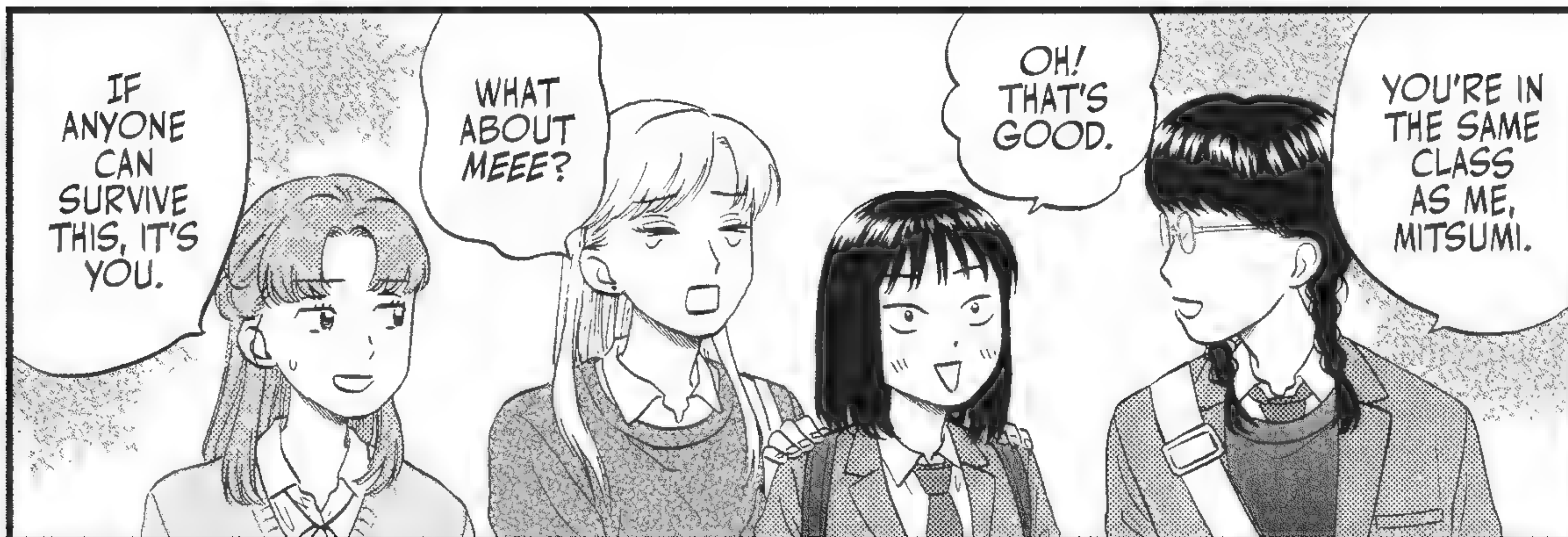
I WANT TO
TEST INTO A
DIFFERENT
HIGH
SCHOOL.

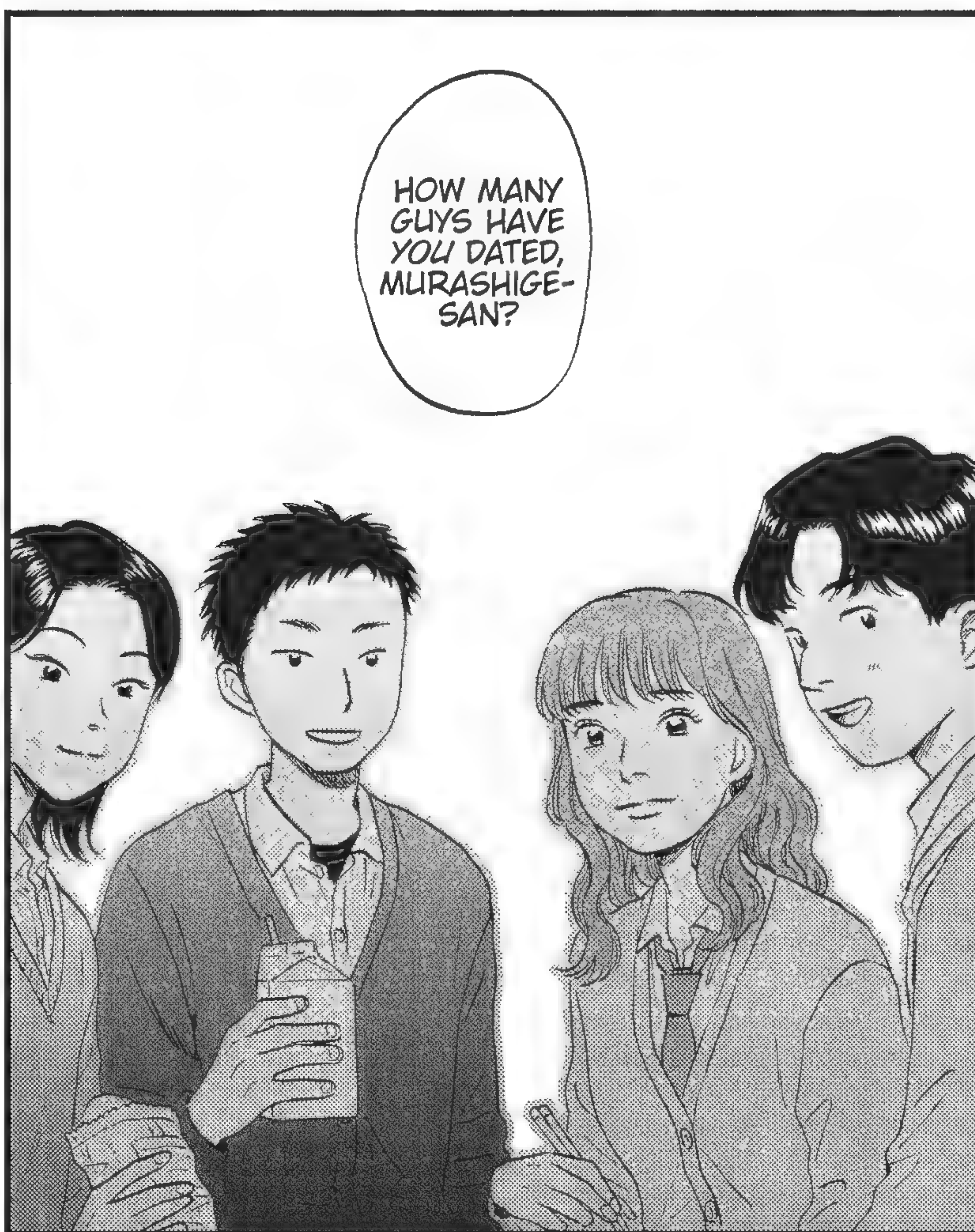
I NEED TO
RESET MY
RELATION-
SHIPS FROM
SCRATCH.

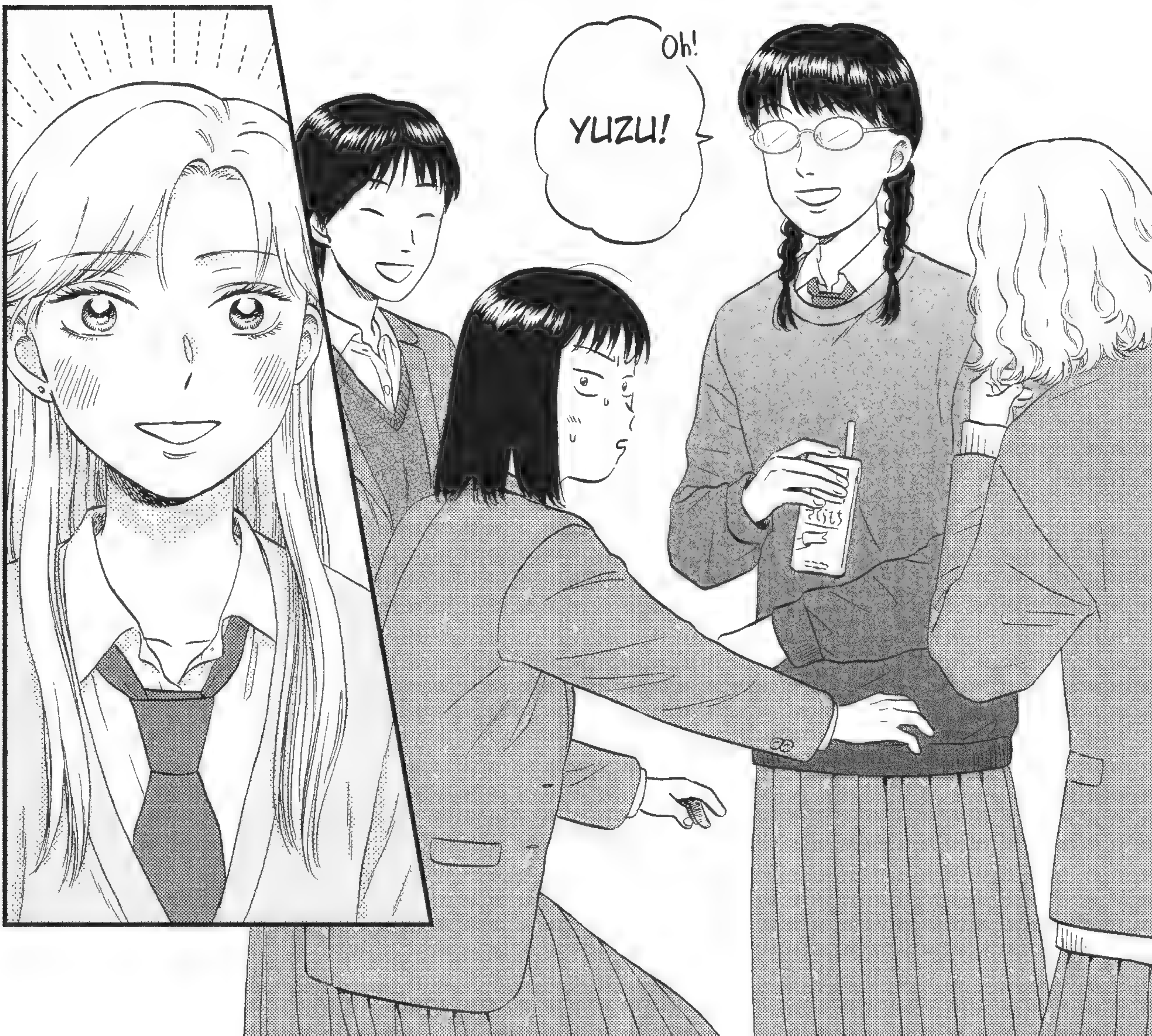
I CAN'T KEEP
DOING THIS.
I NEED TO
CONFRONT
THE PROBLEM
AT ITS
SOURCE.



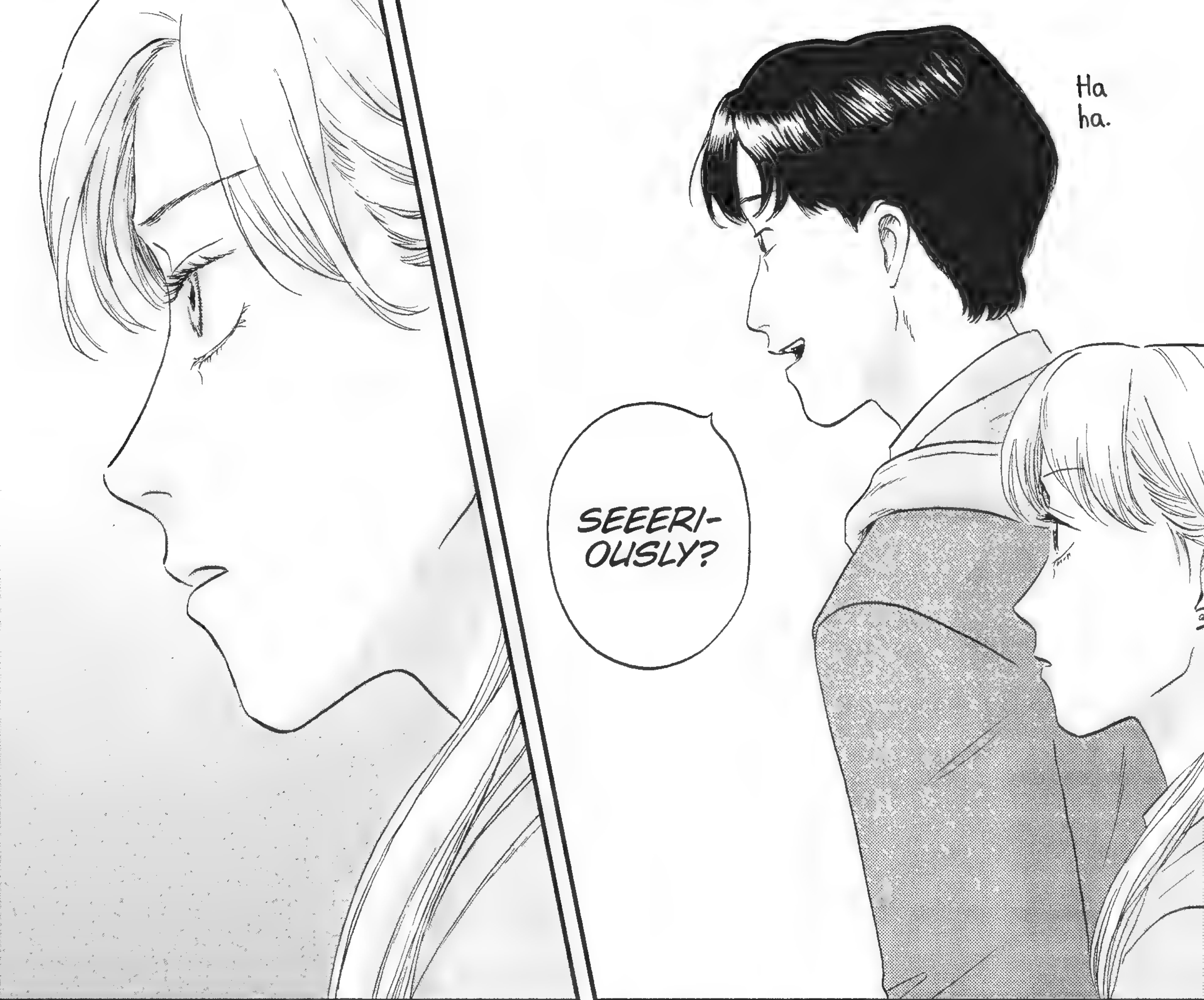












SEEERI-
OUSLY?

Ha
ha.



UH!

THEY'RE...

REALLY,
REALLY
GREAT
PEOPLE.

OH
YEAH,
I'LL
BET.





IT'S
LIKE
THIS,
YUZUKI.

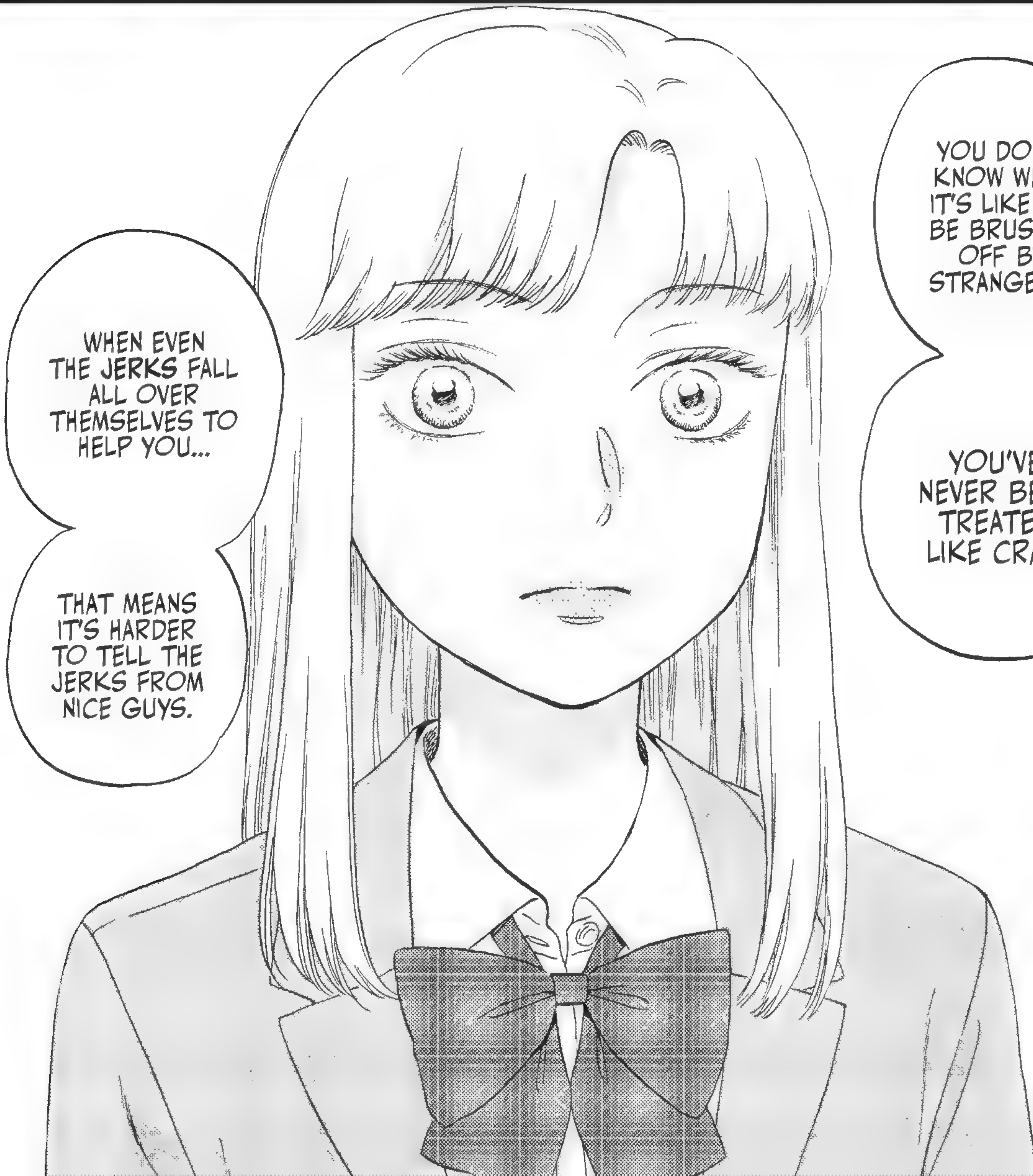


I know!

HUH?

ONE TIME,
HE SLAMMED
INTO ME AND
YELLED AT ME
ABOUT IT.

HE'S
SUCH A
JERK.



WHEN EVEN
THE JERKS FALL
ALL OVER
THEMSELVES TO
HELP YOU...

THAT MEANS
IT'S HARDER
TO TELL THE
JERKS FROM
NICE GUYS.

YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO
BE BRUSHED
OFF BY
STRANGERS.

YOU'VE
NEVER BEEN
TREATED
LIKE CRAP.

YOU GIRLS
HAVE BEEN WAY
TOO HARD ON
MURASHIGE-SAN
LATELY.

*No,
don't say
anything.
I didn't
ask for
help.*

THAT
SUCKS.

EXCUSE
ME?

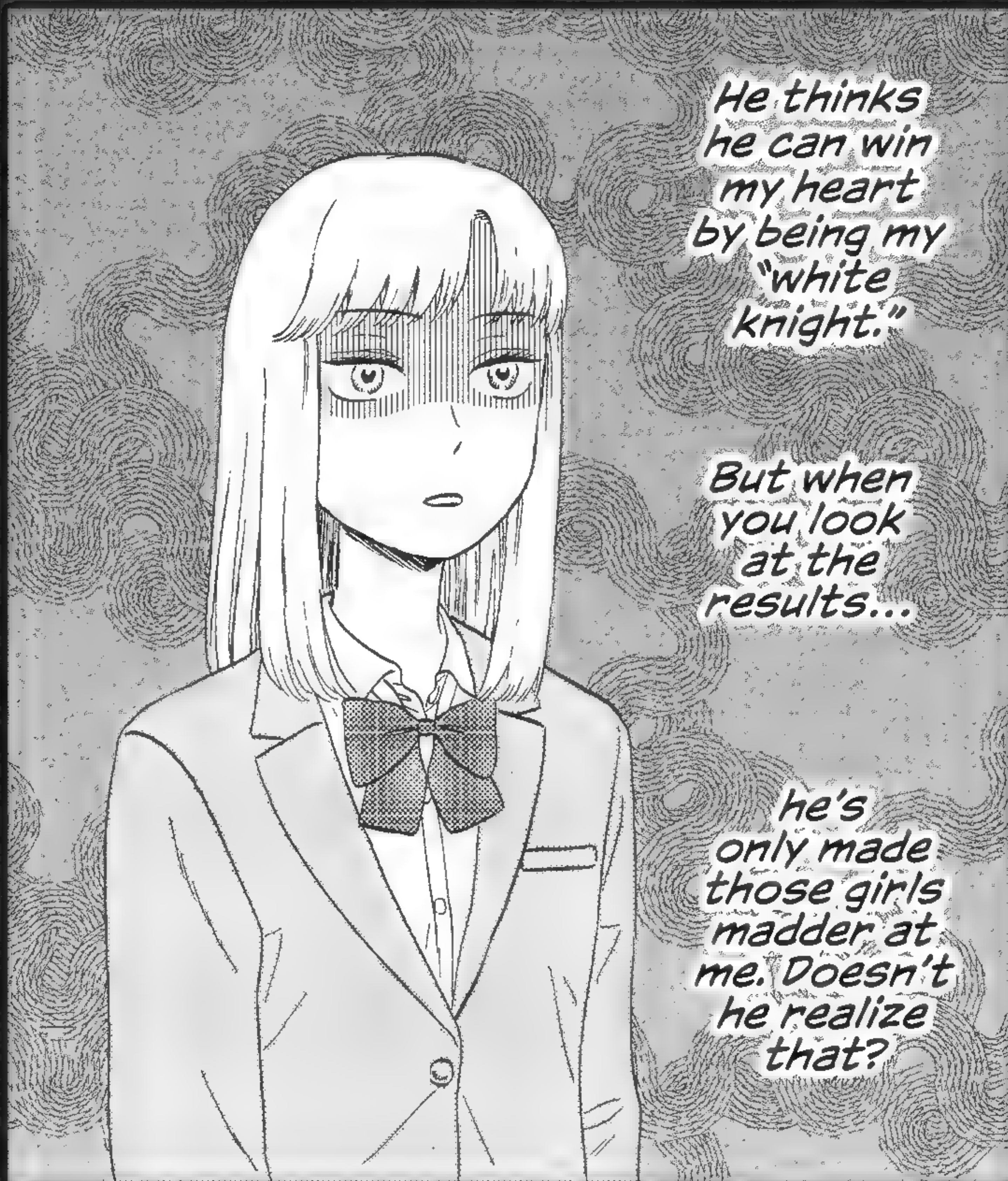
WHAT DO
YOU CARE
ANYWAY,
JERK?

EVERYBODY
KNOWS
YOU'RE
JEALOUS.
GROW UP.

WHAT?!

*It's only
going to
backfire
on me.*





*He thinks
he can win
my heart
by being my
"white
knight."*

*But when
you look
at the
results...*

*he's
only made
those girls
madder at
me. Doesn't
he realize
that?*



IF YOU EVER
NEED HELP
AGAIN, JUST
LET ME KNOW.
OKAY?

YEAH, I JUST
CAN'T LET
THAT KIND
OF THING
SLIDE.



THANK
YOU.



*I'll
be in
school
for
years
and
years
after
this...*

*He told
them
off
because
he likes
me.*

*so I
shouldn't
make
enemies.*

*I must
look like I
have it all.*

*It all plays
to my
advantage.*

*People
love me
without
my ever
doing a
thing.*

*I've never
been left
out in new
situations.*

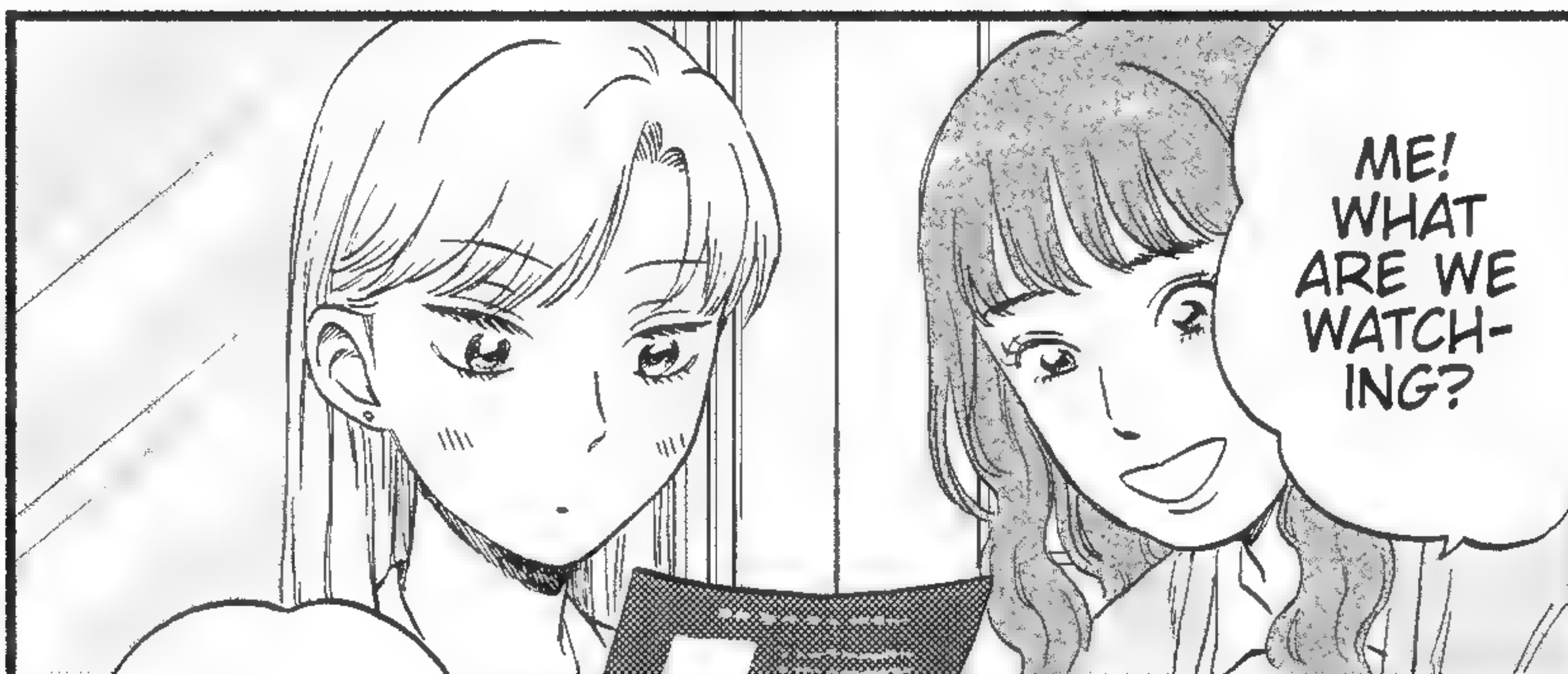
*I can
rely on
others.*

*I must
have other
privileges I
don't even
recognize.*

*because I
can barely
breathe.*

*That's
why I
must be
spoiled
rotten...*

*They'd be
disgusted if
they knew.*



ME!
WHAT
ARE WE
WATCH-
ING?



WHO'S IN
FOR THIS
SATURDAY?

SORRY,
I HAVE
PLANS.
YOU GUYS
HAVE FUN,
THOUGH!

OH,
HEY.

IT'S
THE SAME
FESTIVAL
WE WENT
TO LAST
YEAR.

experience the emotions in digital form

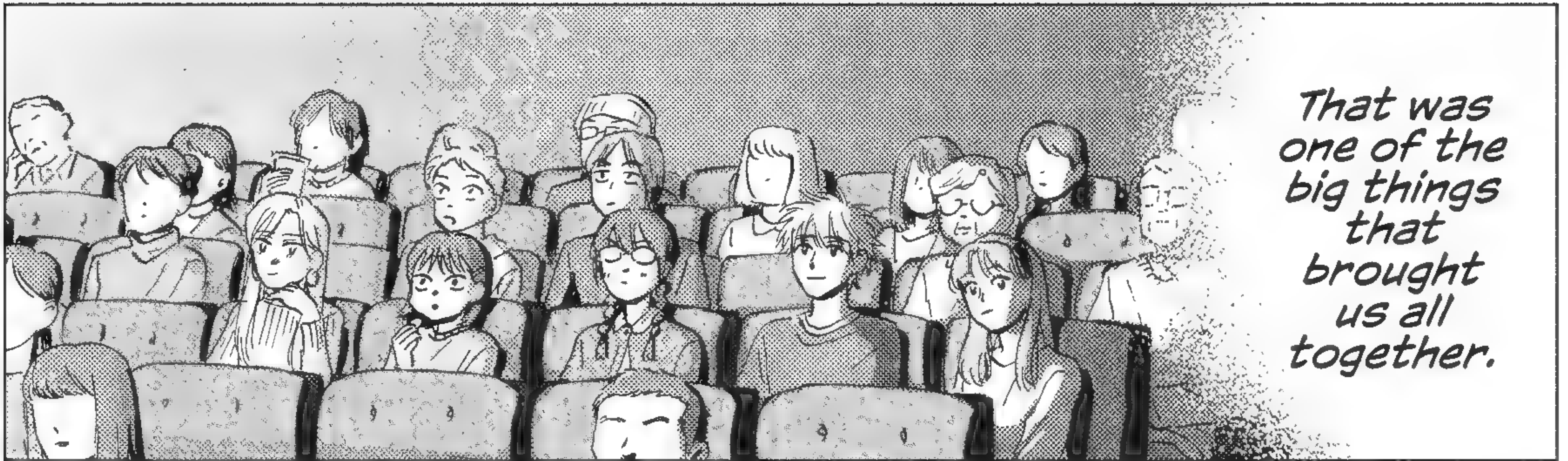
CLASSIC MOVIE
FILM FESTIVAL

April 2nd - October 31st

For questions and inquiries, please



WHO'S
UP FOR A
MOVIE?



*That was
one of the
big things
that
brought
us all
together.*



THEN
LET'S MEET
UP AT 11 A.M.
IN SHIBUYA,
AT...

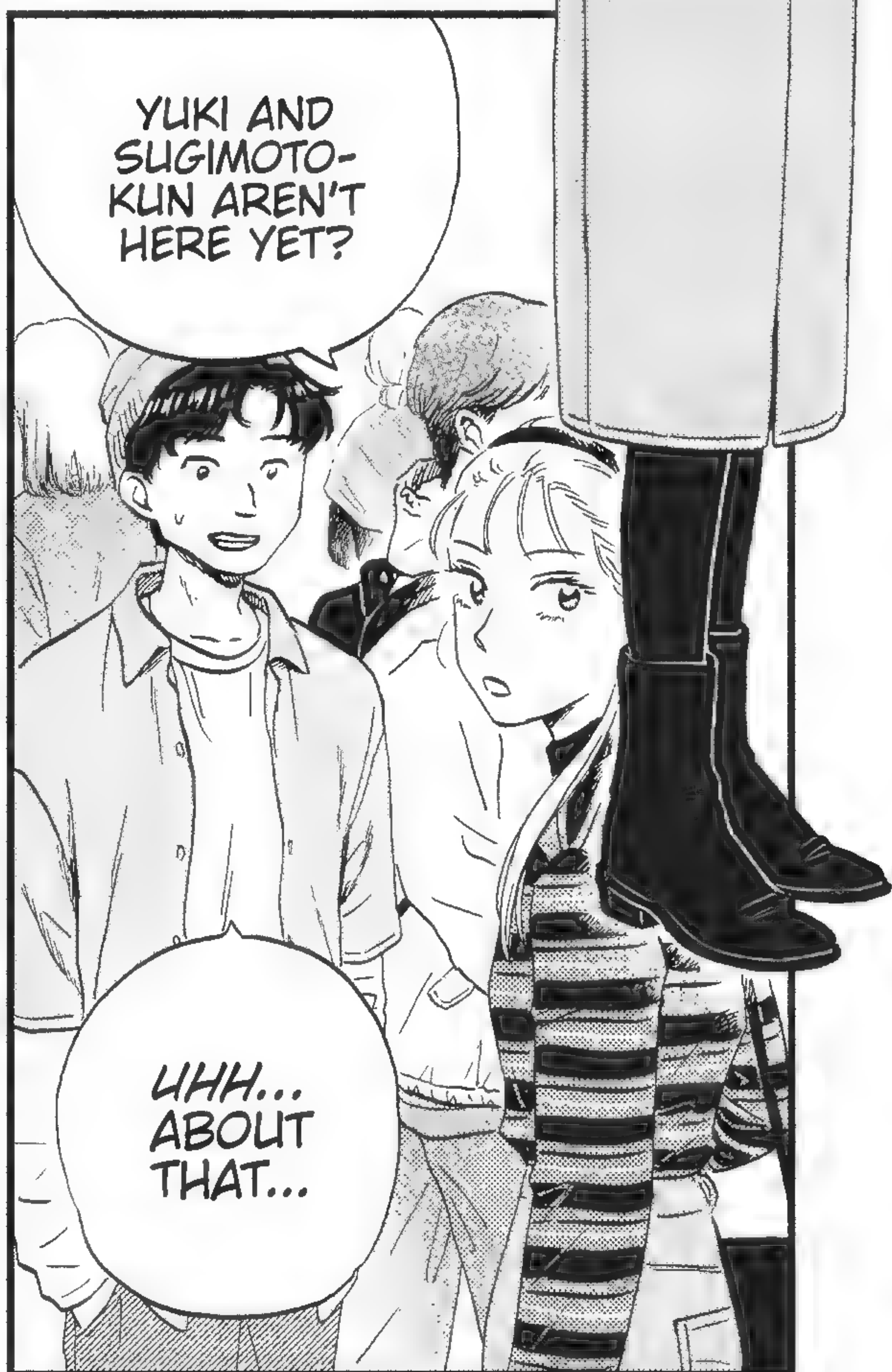
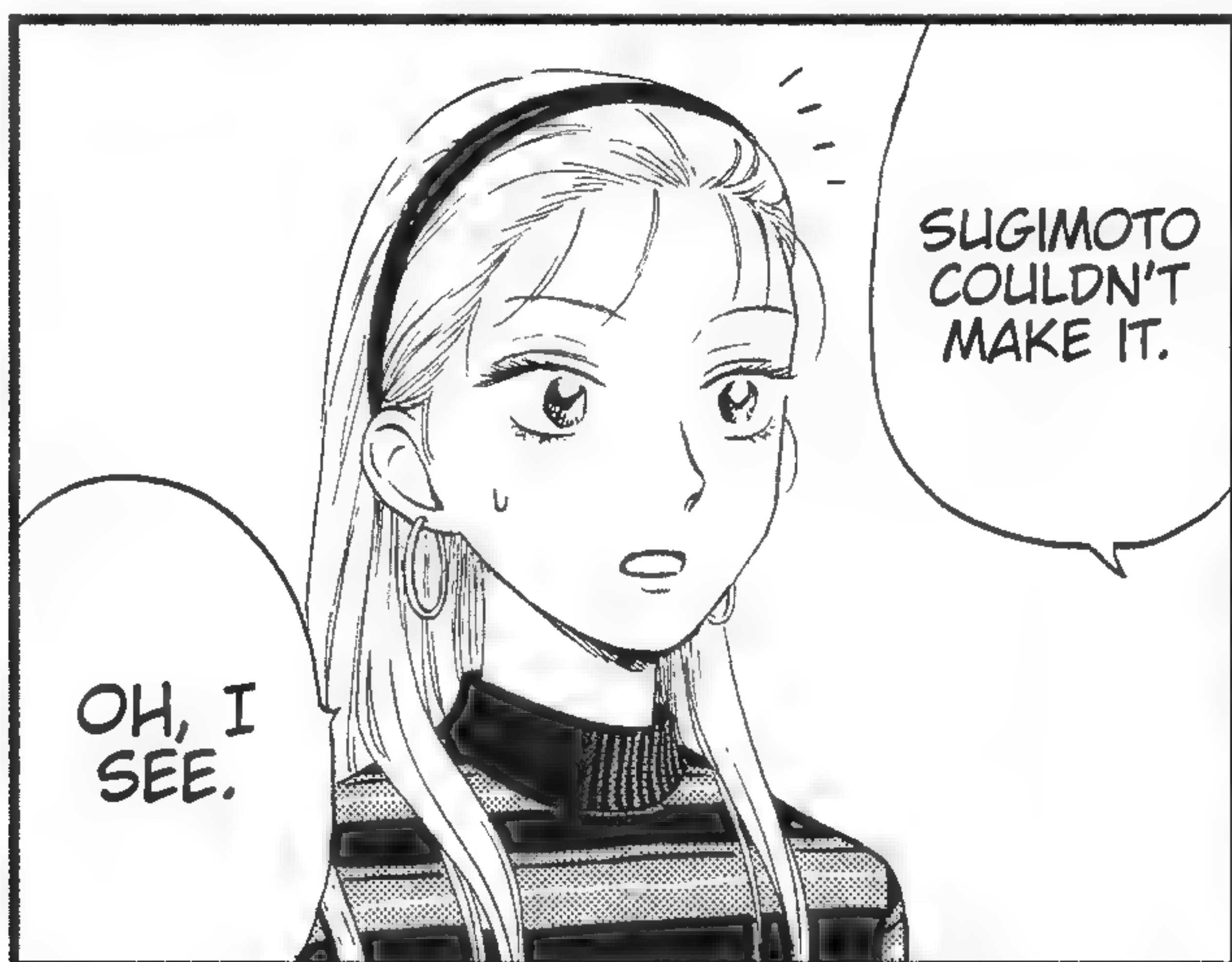
I-I'LL
GO!



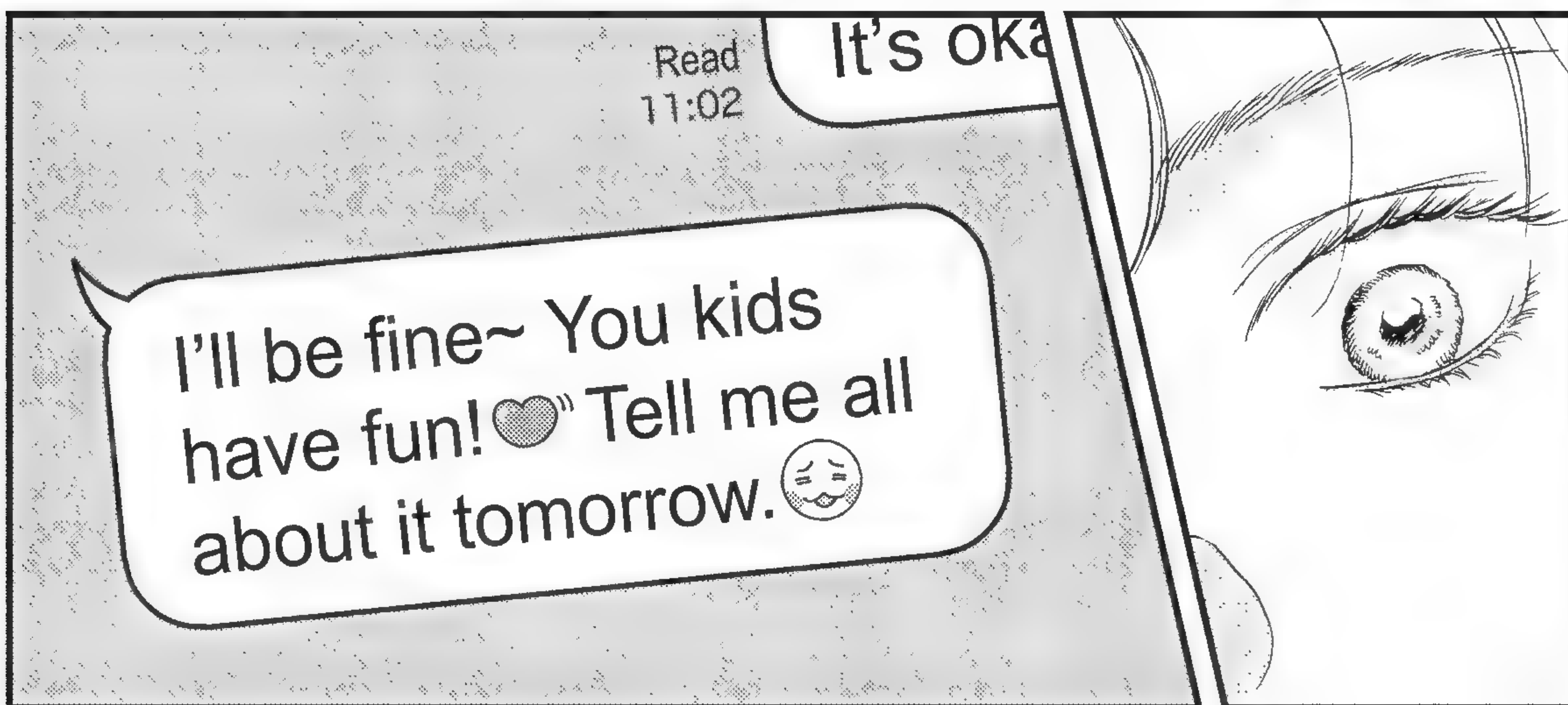
*and learn
to have
fun with
my class-
mates
again.*

*I'll look
for the
good in
every-
one...*

*I'm
not the
same
girl I
was in
junior
high.*



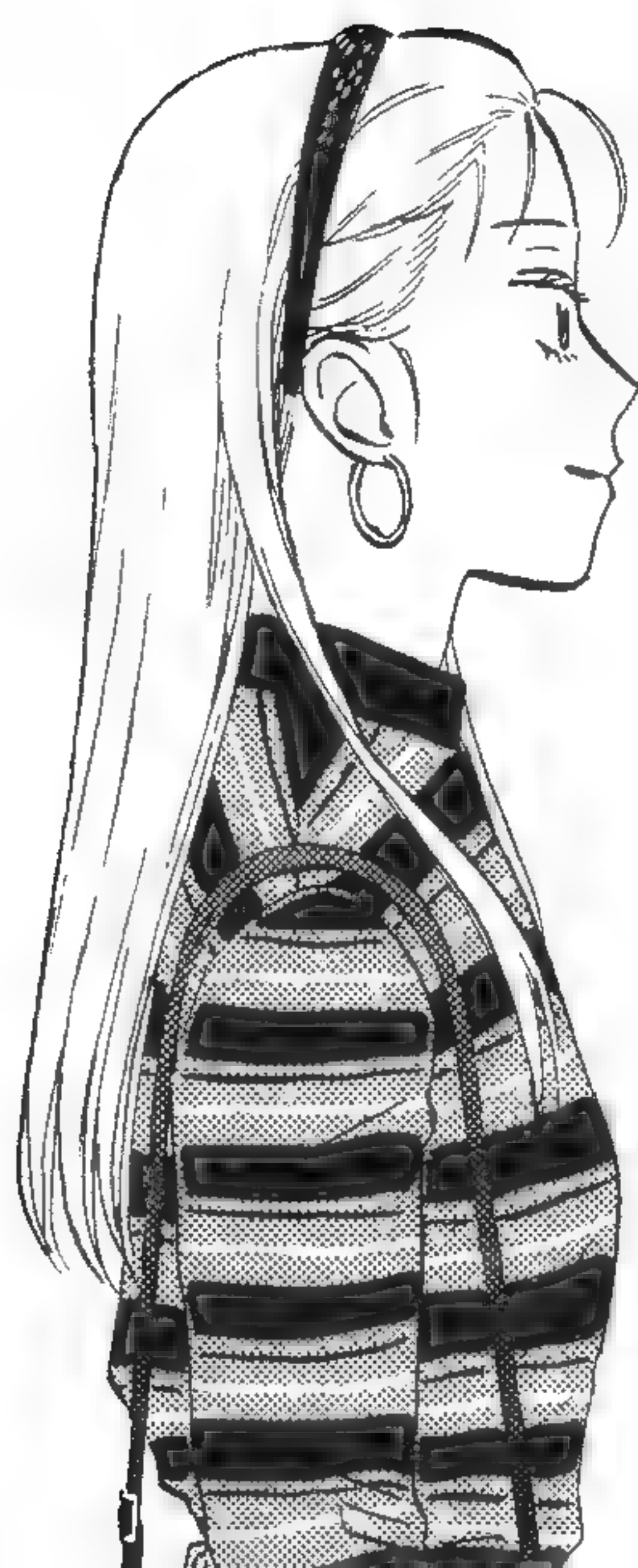






I CAN
TELL
THESE
THINGS.

YOU
PLANNED ON
MAKING THIS
A DATE FROM
THE START,
DIDN'T YOU?



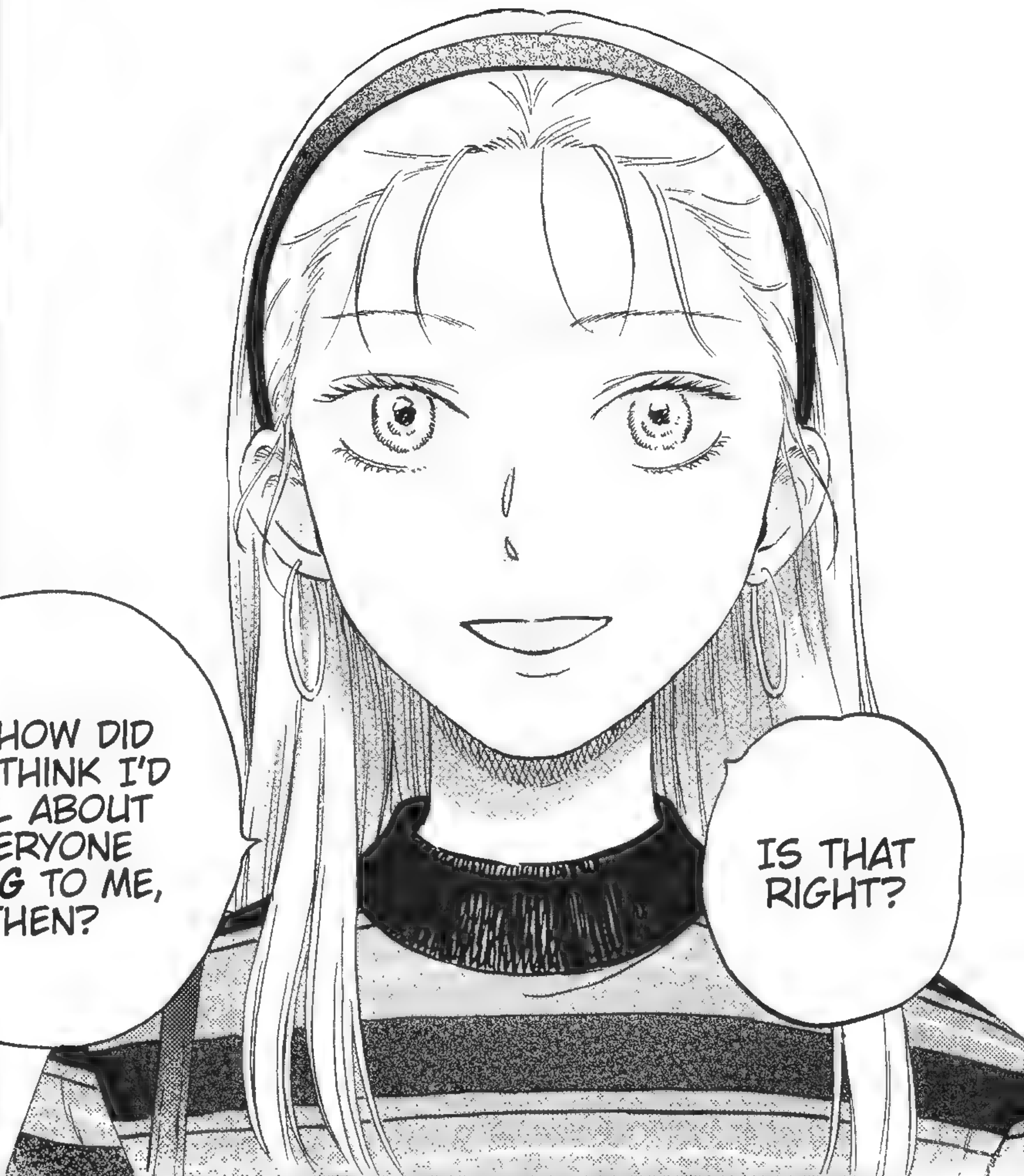
I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT YOU
SINCE LAST
YEAR,
MURASHIGE-
SAN.

WELL,
UM...



FIRST
AND LAST
WARNING.
GOT IT?

SO HOW DID
YOU THINK I'D
FEEL ABOUT
EVERYONE
LYING TO ME,
THEN?



IS THAT
RIGHT?



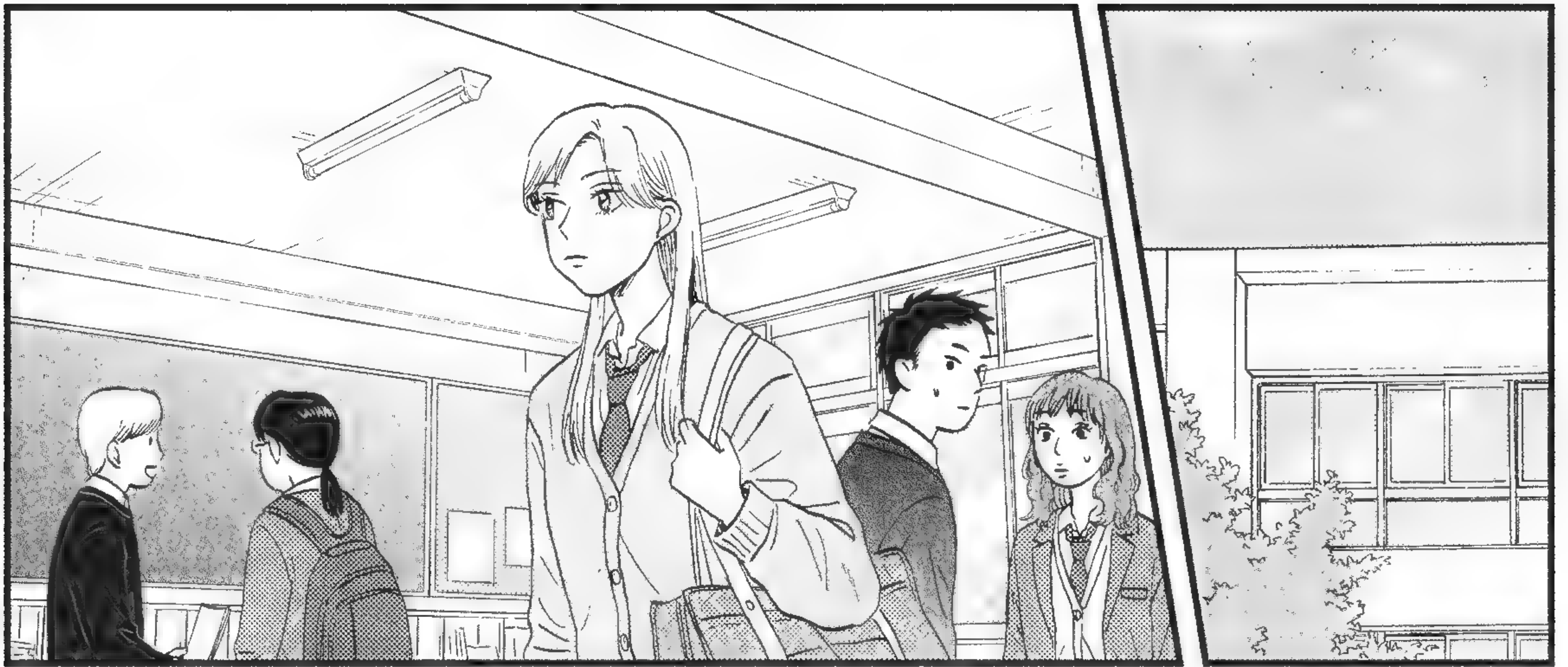
"YOU'VE
NEVER BEEN
TREATED
LIKE CRAP."





*I
have.*

*Yes I
have.*





Listen!

DO YOU WANT TO STOP BY STUDENT COUNCIL?

I'M ALL BY MYSELF TODAY, AND I COULD USE THE COMPANY.

ARE YOU GOING HOME?



IT'S GONNA BE SUNNY ON MOUNT TAKAO THIS FRIDAY.

GLUB
BLUB
BUB

THE BENTOS WILL BE EXTRA YUMMY IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

YOU KNOW IT.

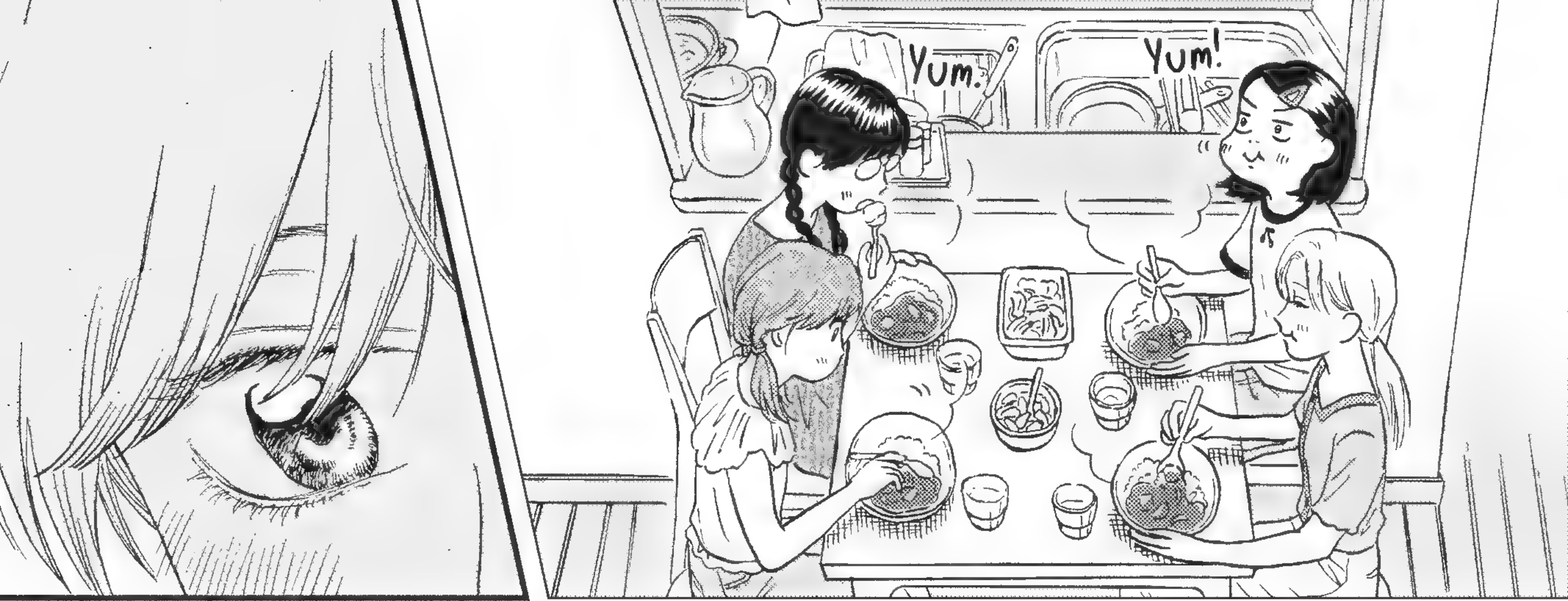


SO, HOW'S COUNSELING WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

AH
HA
HA.

PEOPLE DROP IN SOOOOME-TIMES!

SENPAI AND I HAVE GOTTEN MUCH BETTER.



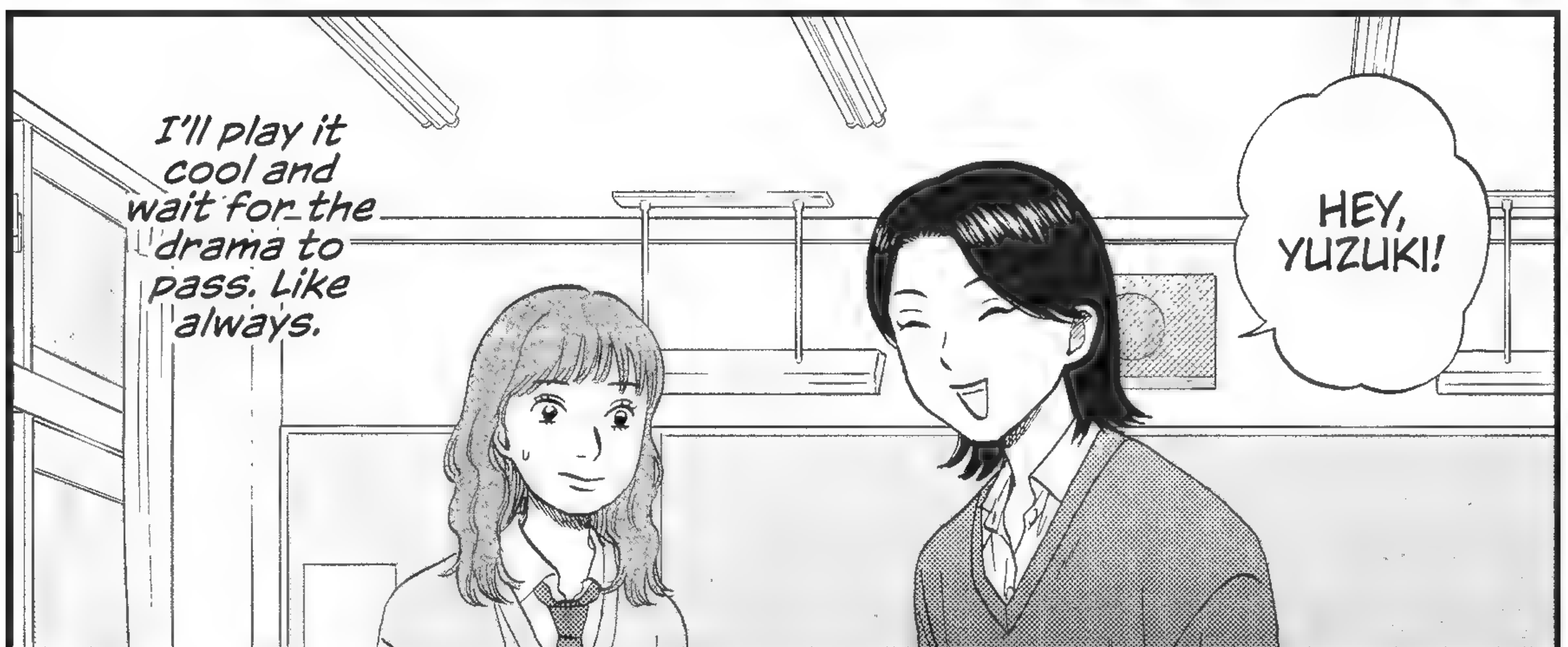
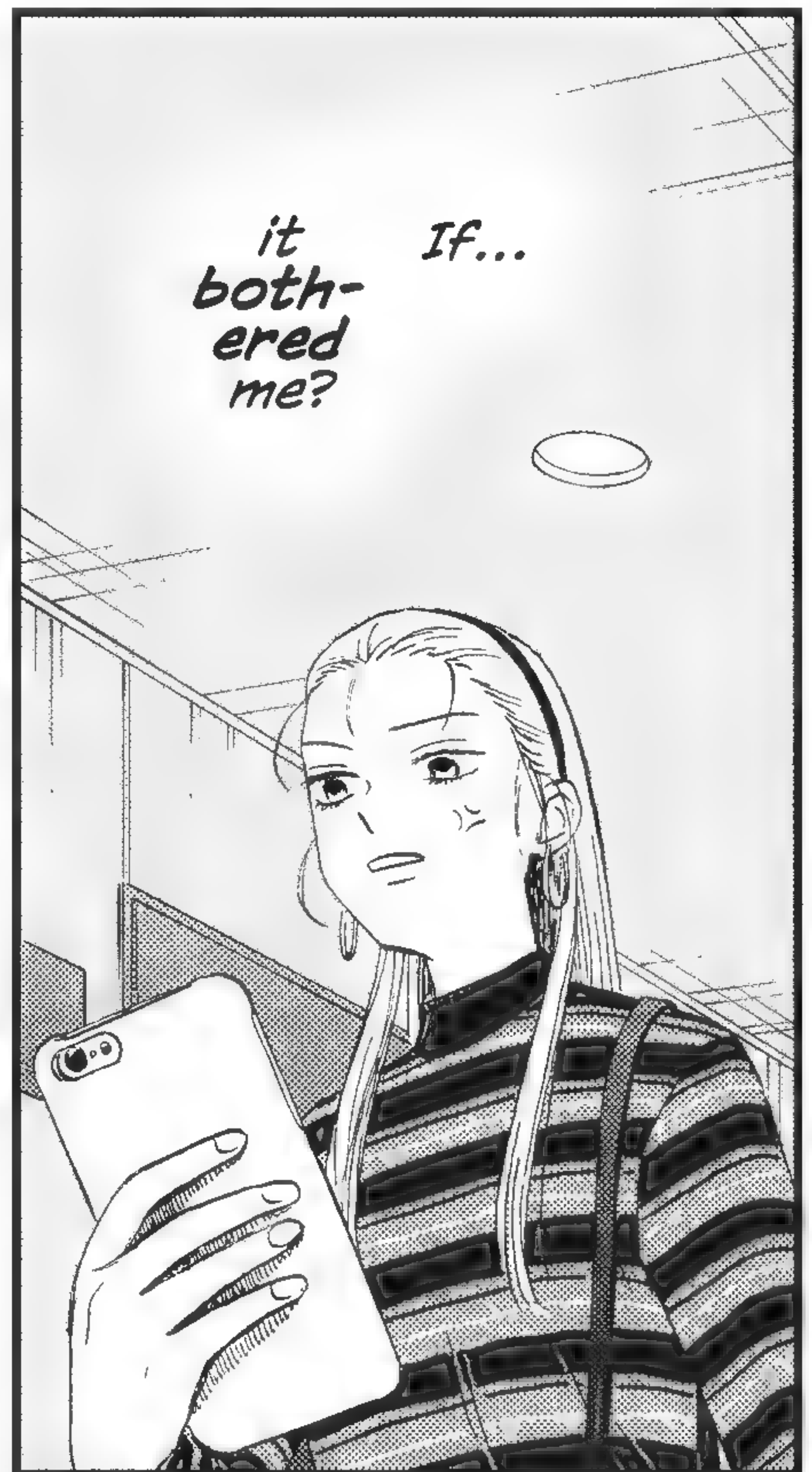
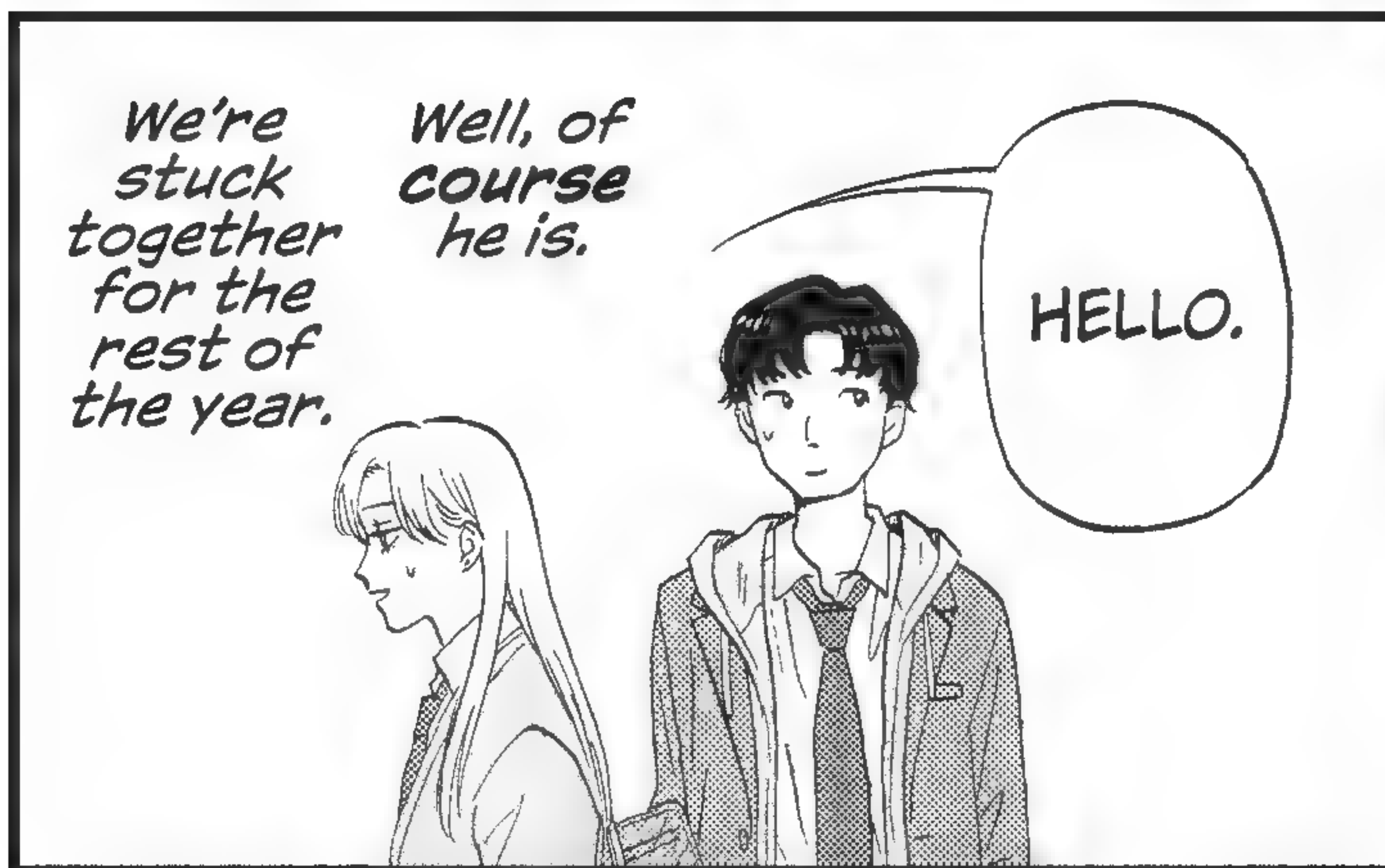




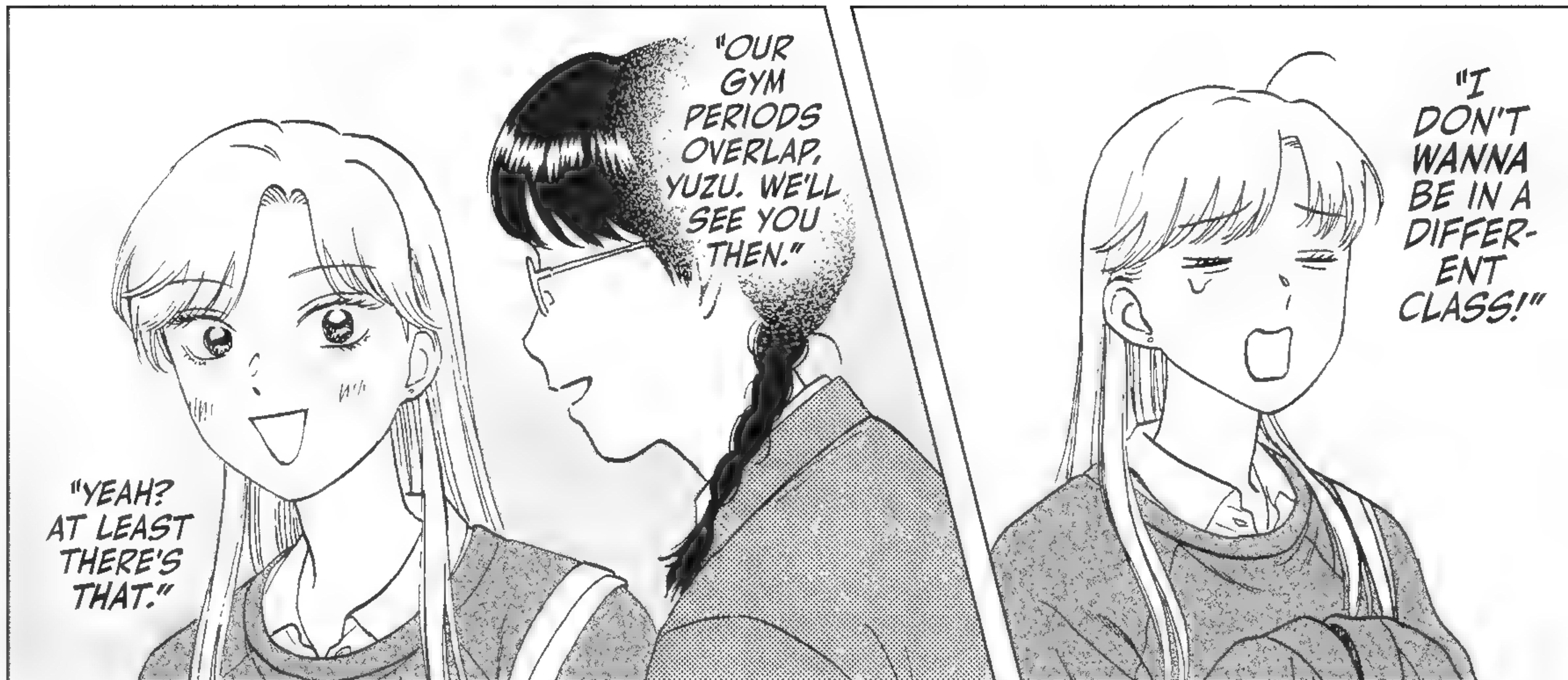
OKAY.

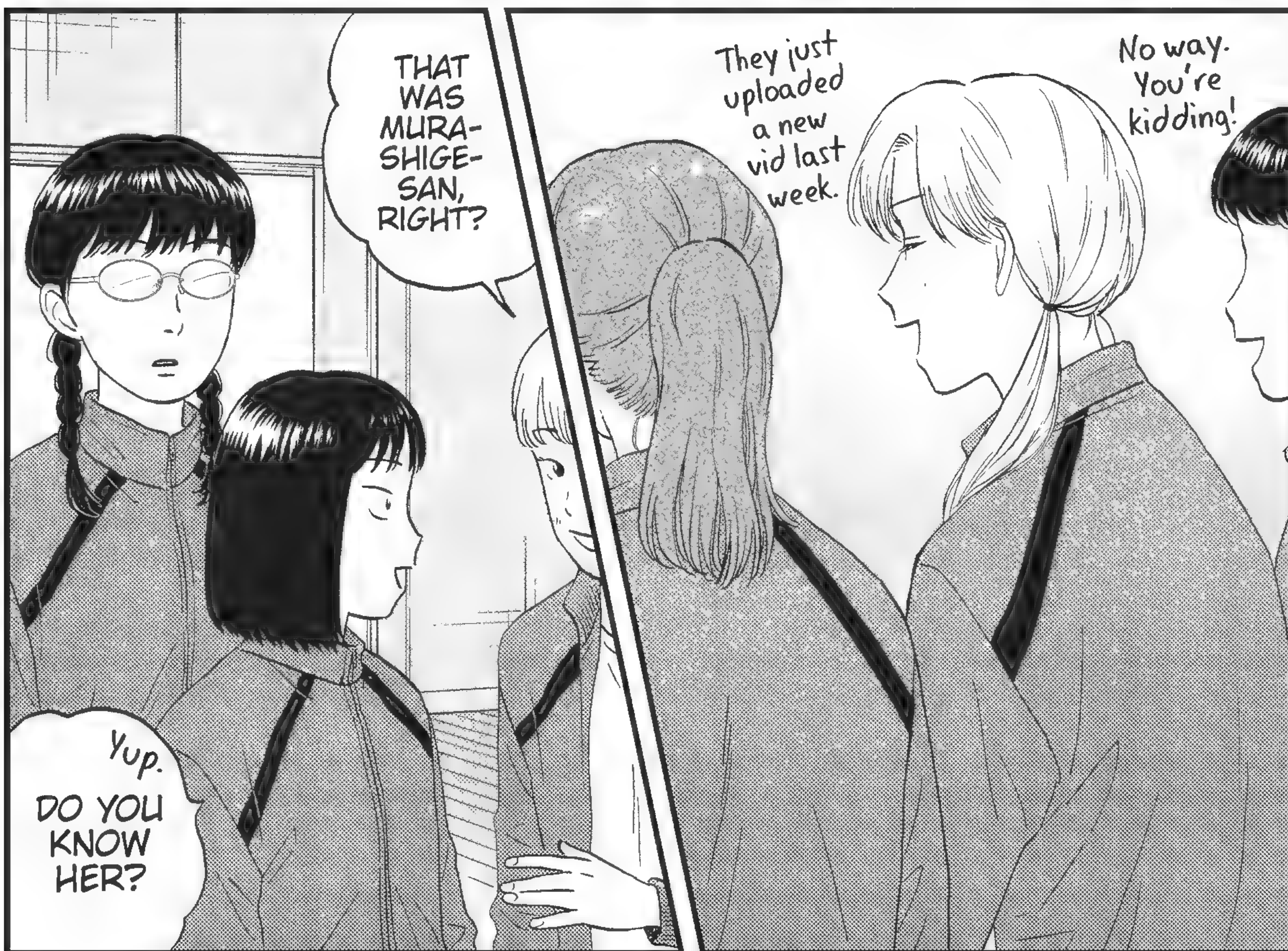
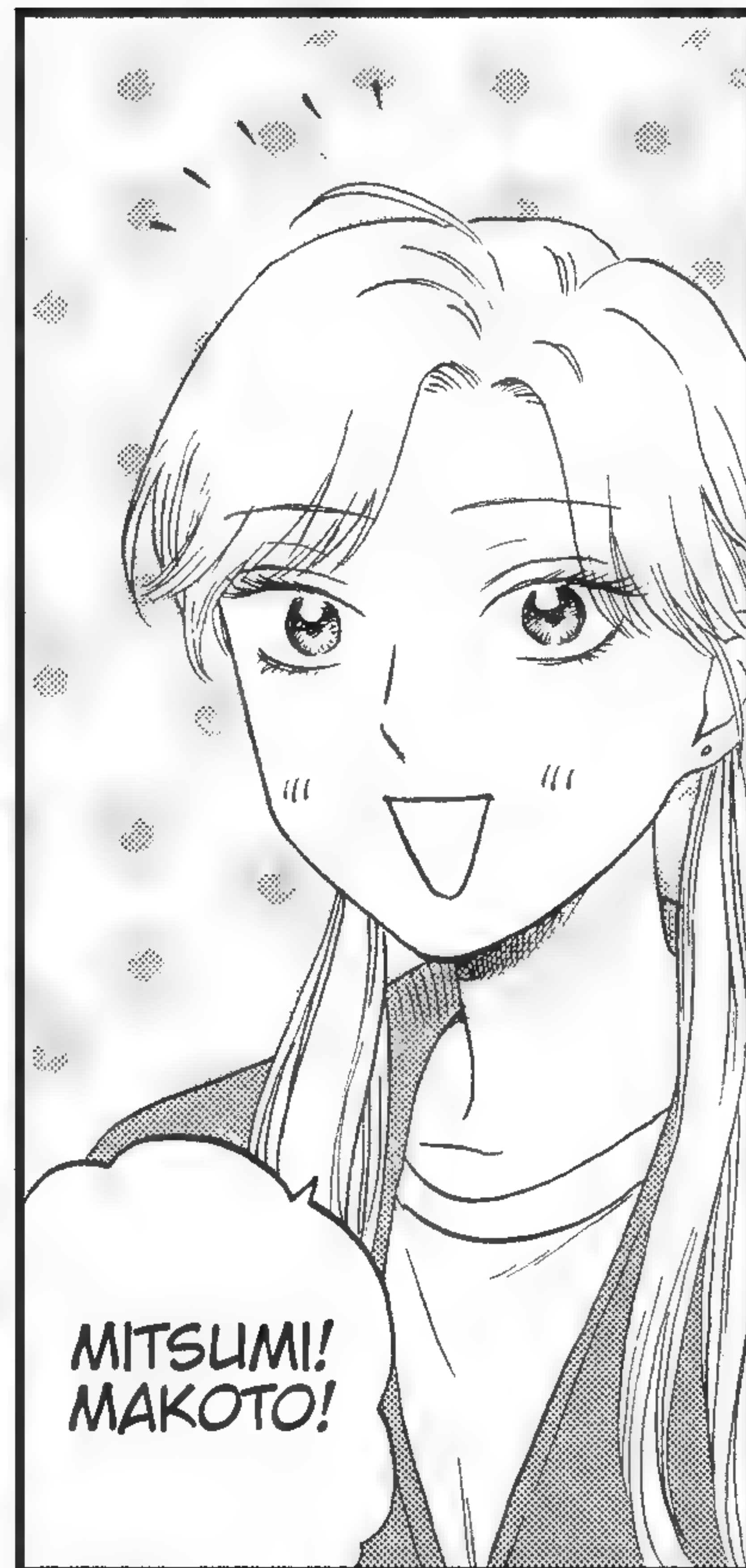
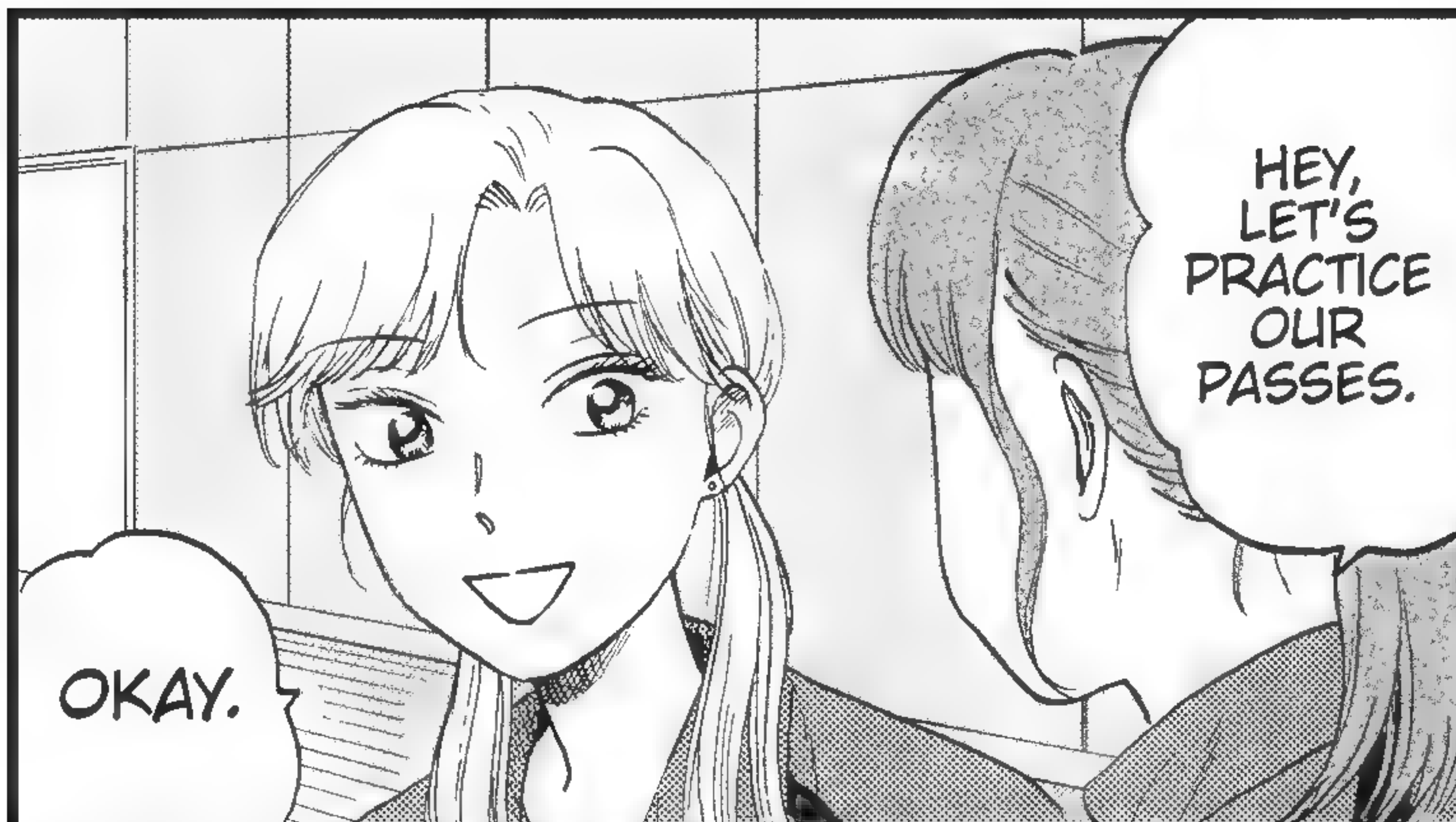
I'm sorry if it bothered you
that much to be alone with me.

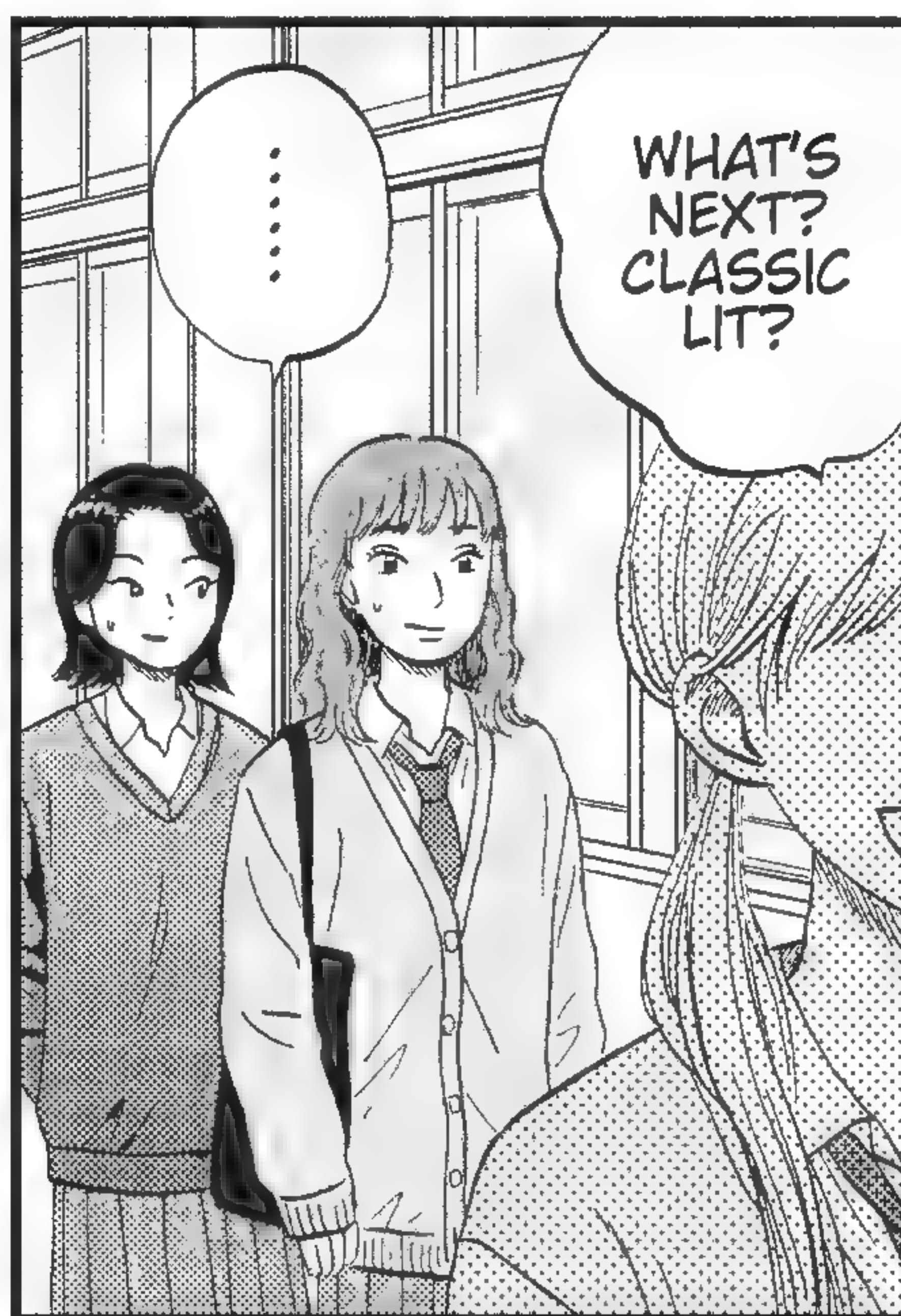
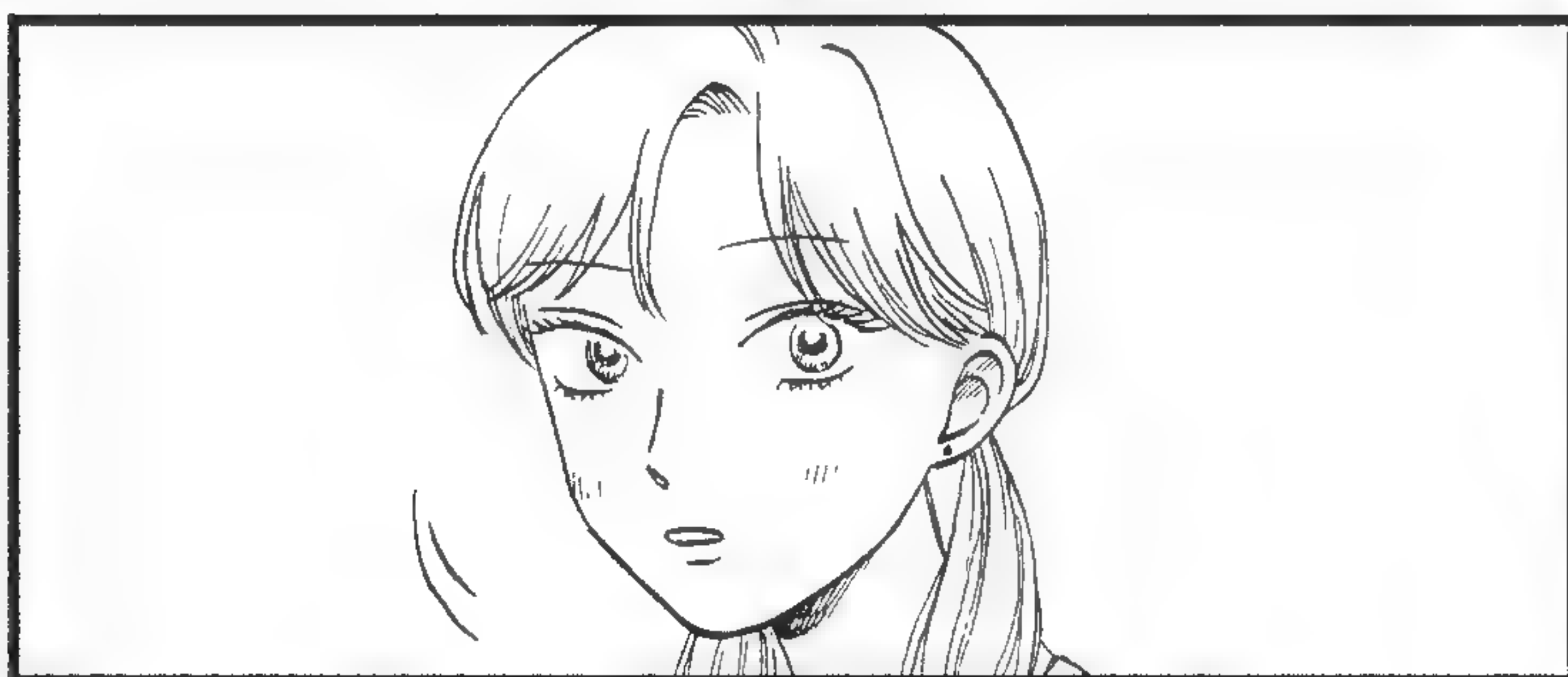
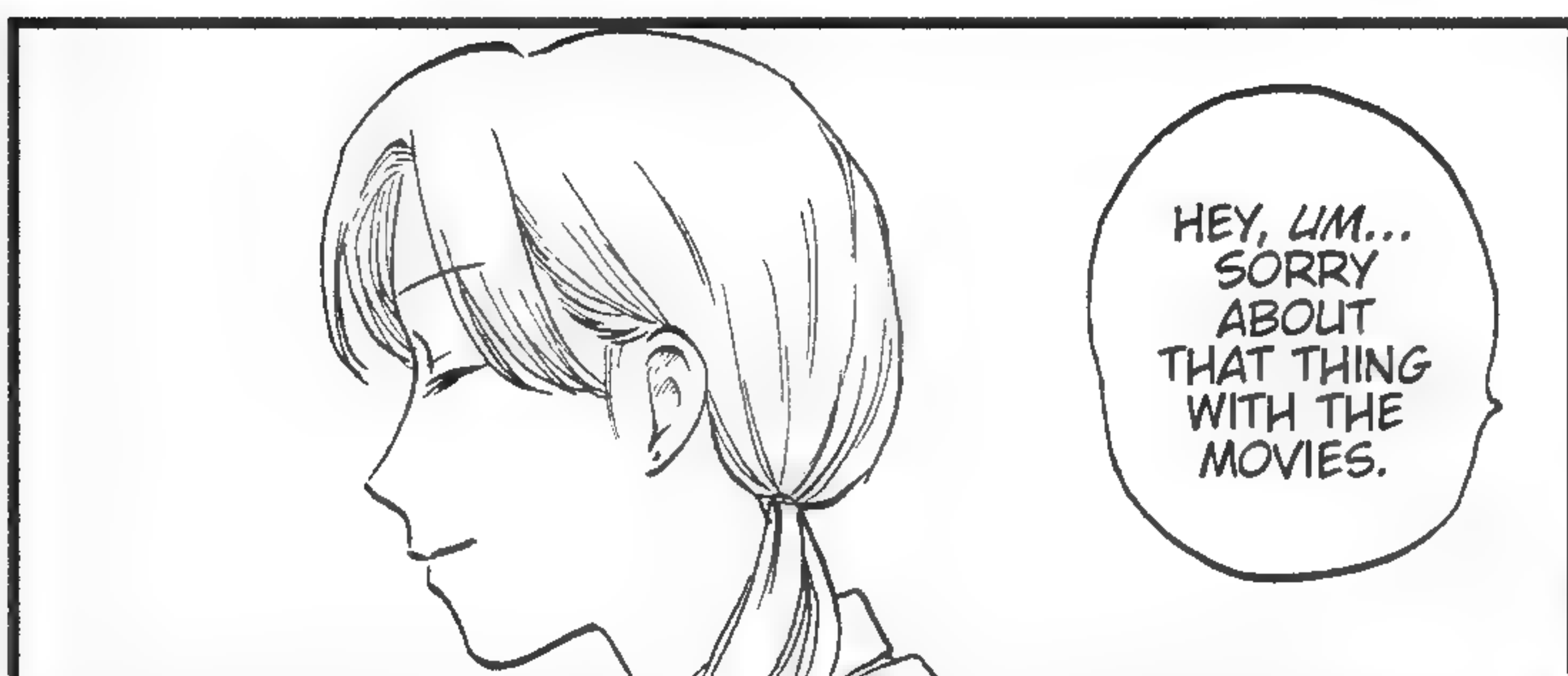
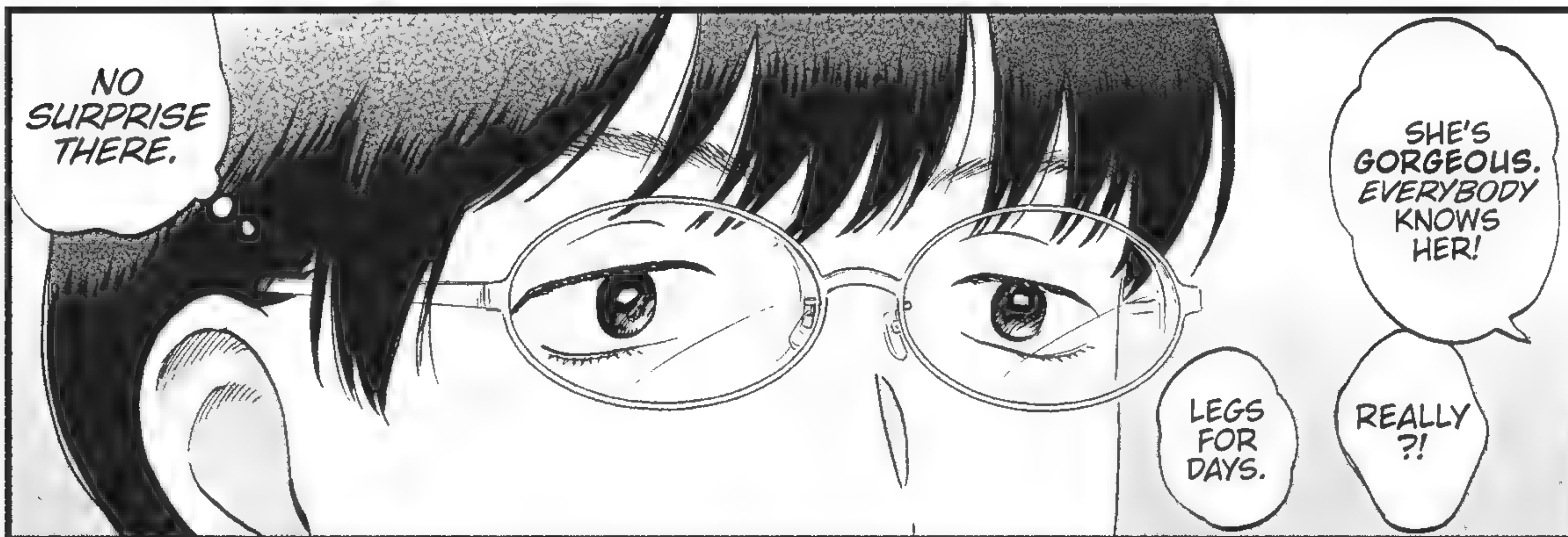
I can move on from this if
you can. I hope we can be
friends again!

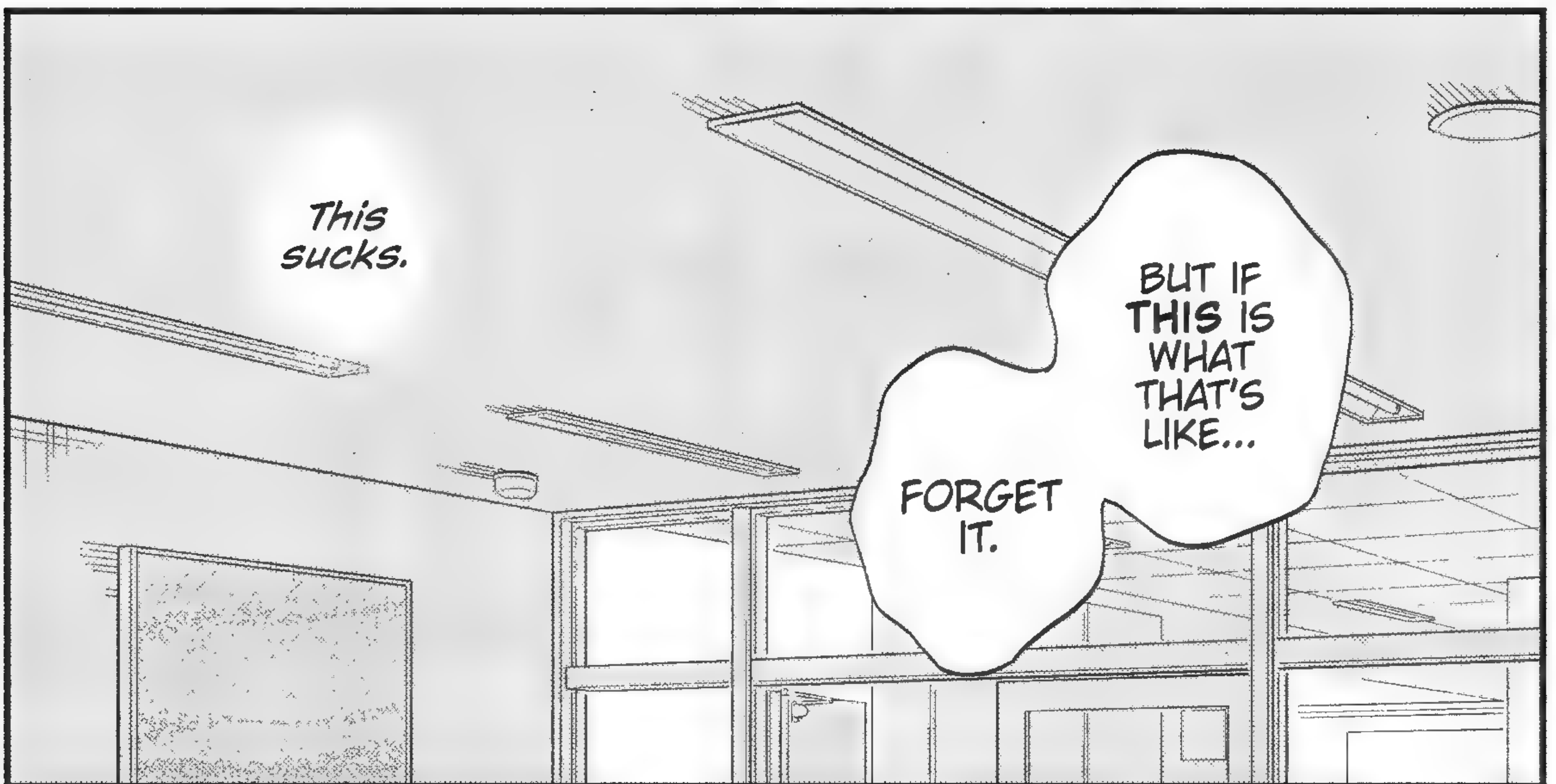
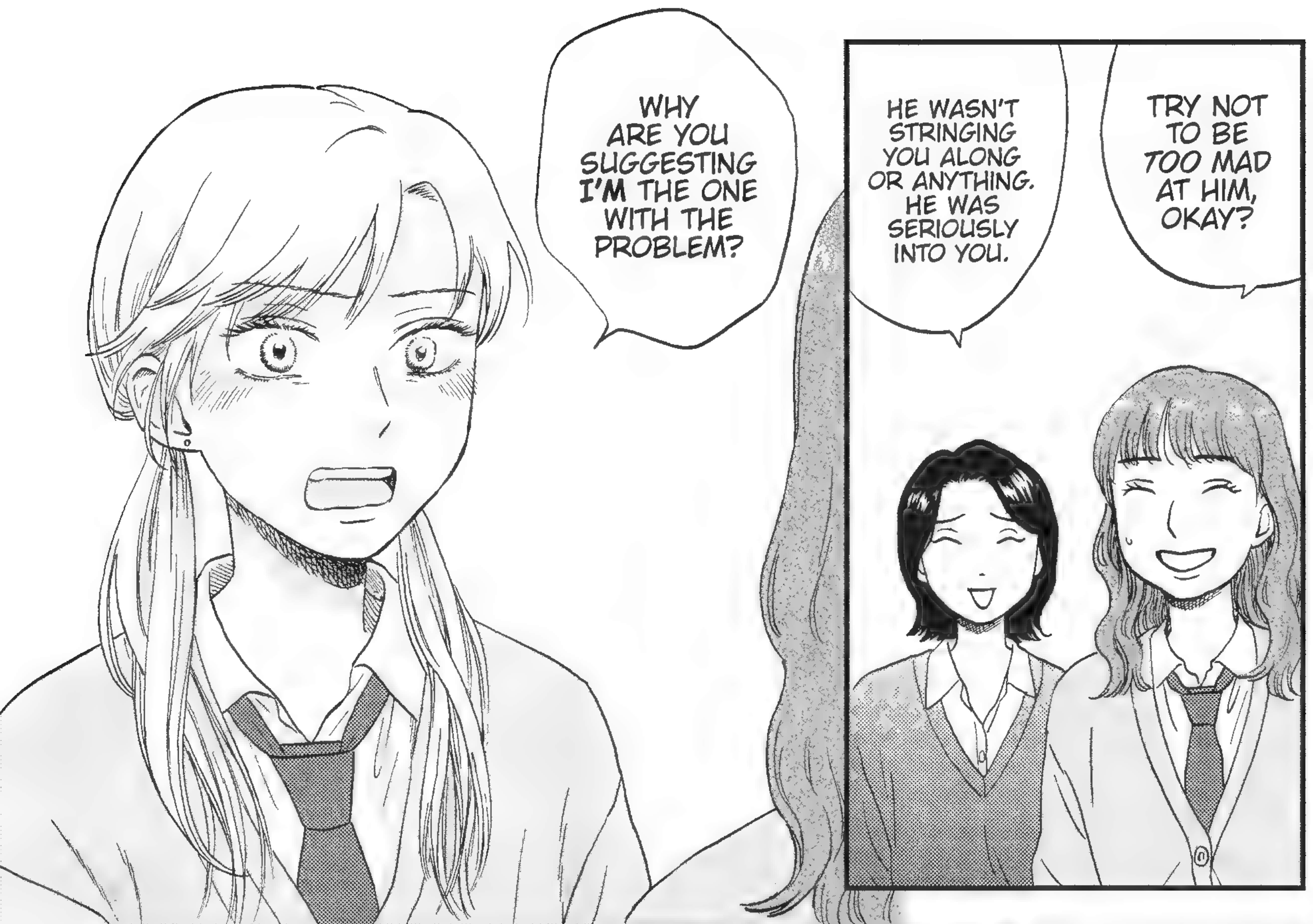




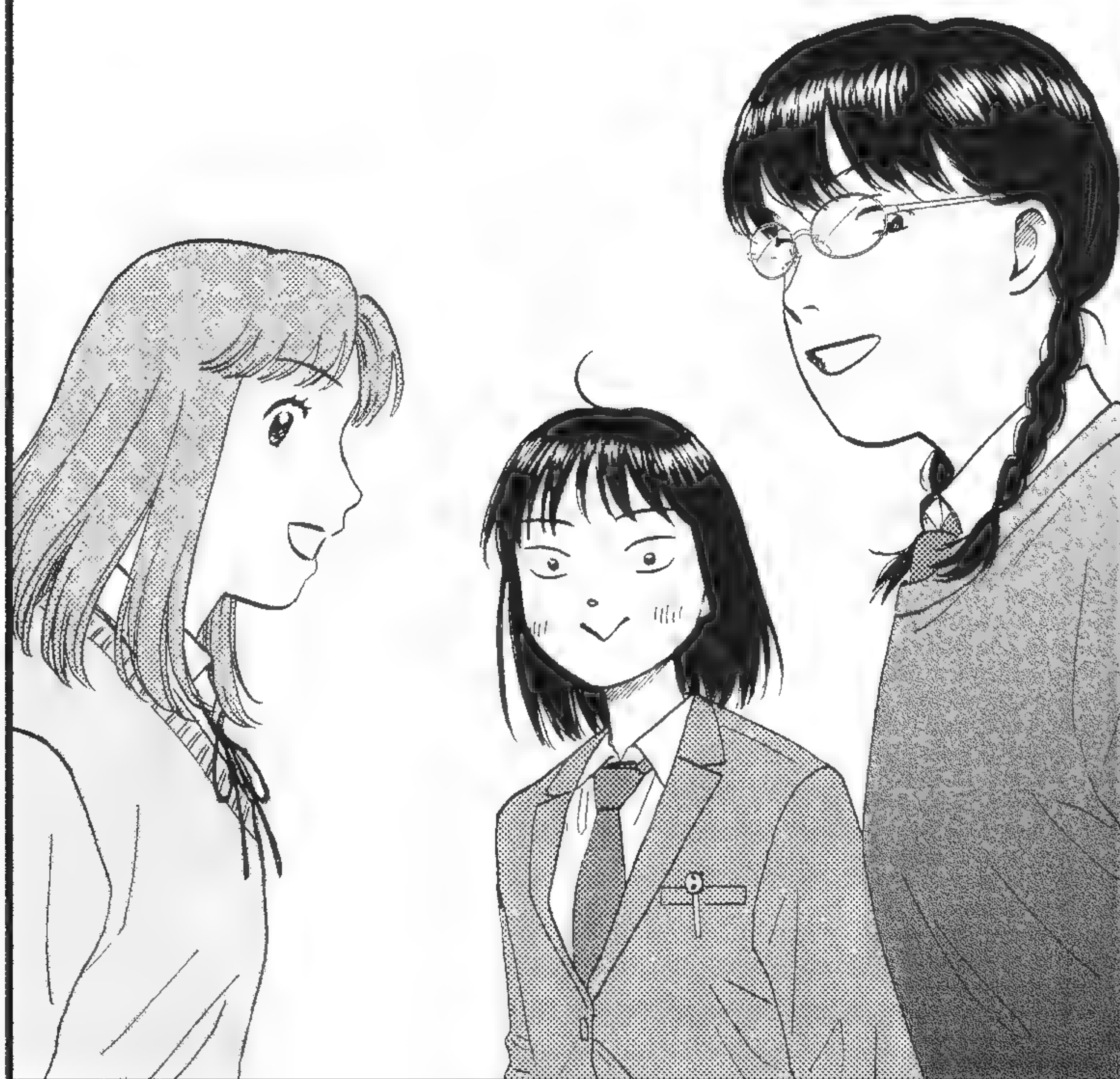






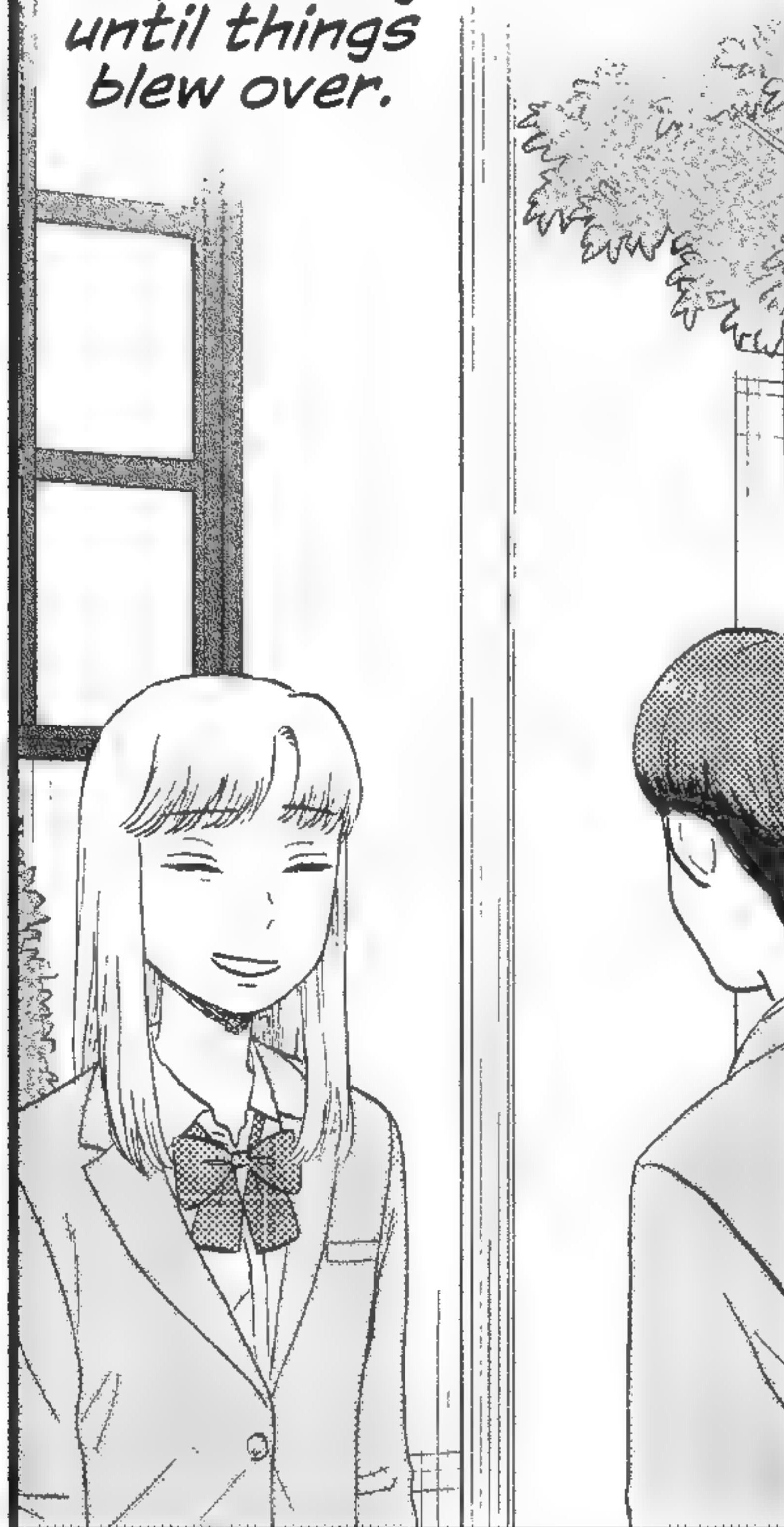


*It's too
late for
that
now.*



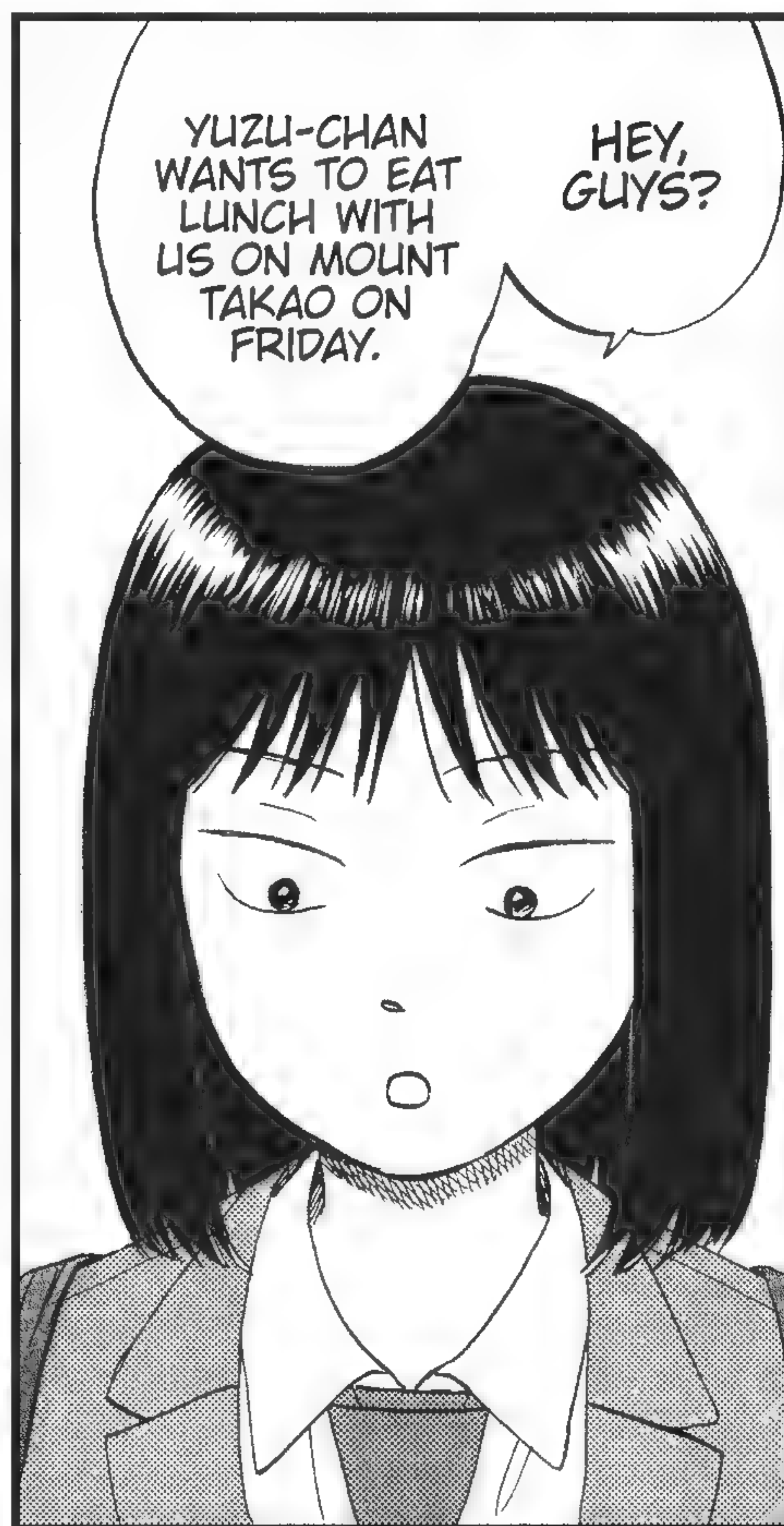
*was
supposed
to mean I
shouldn't
have to
keep smiling
until things
blew over.*

*Not
being the
same girl
I was in
junior
high...*

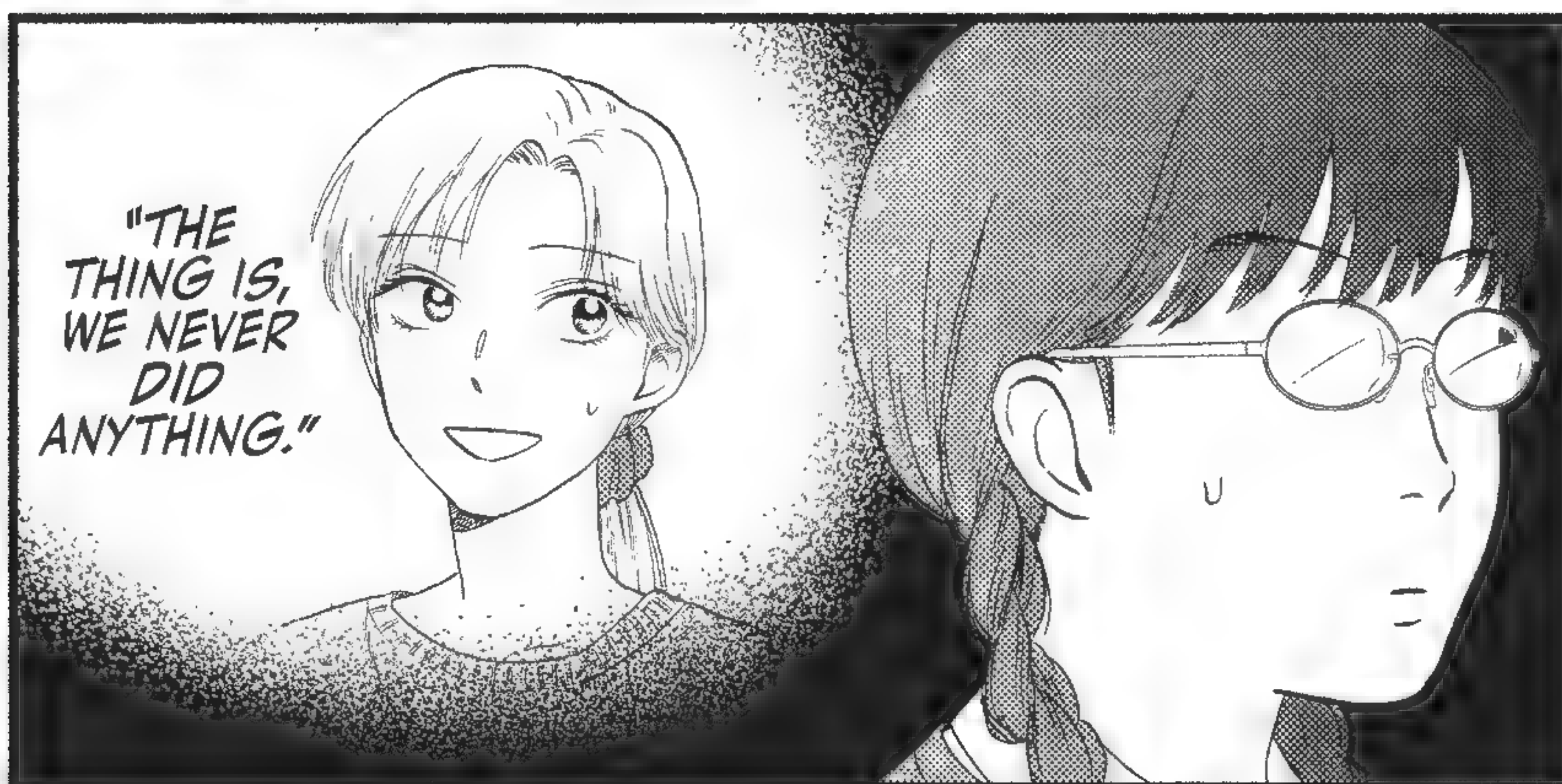
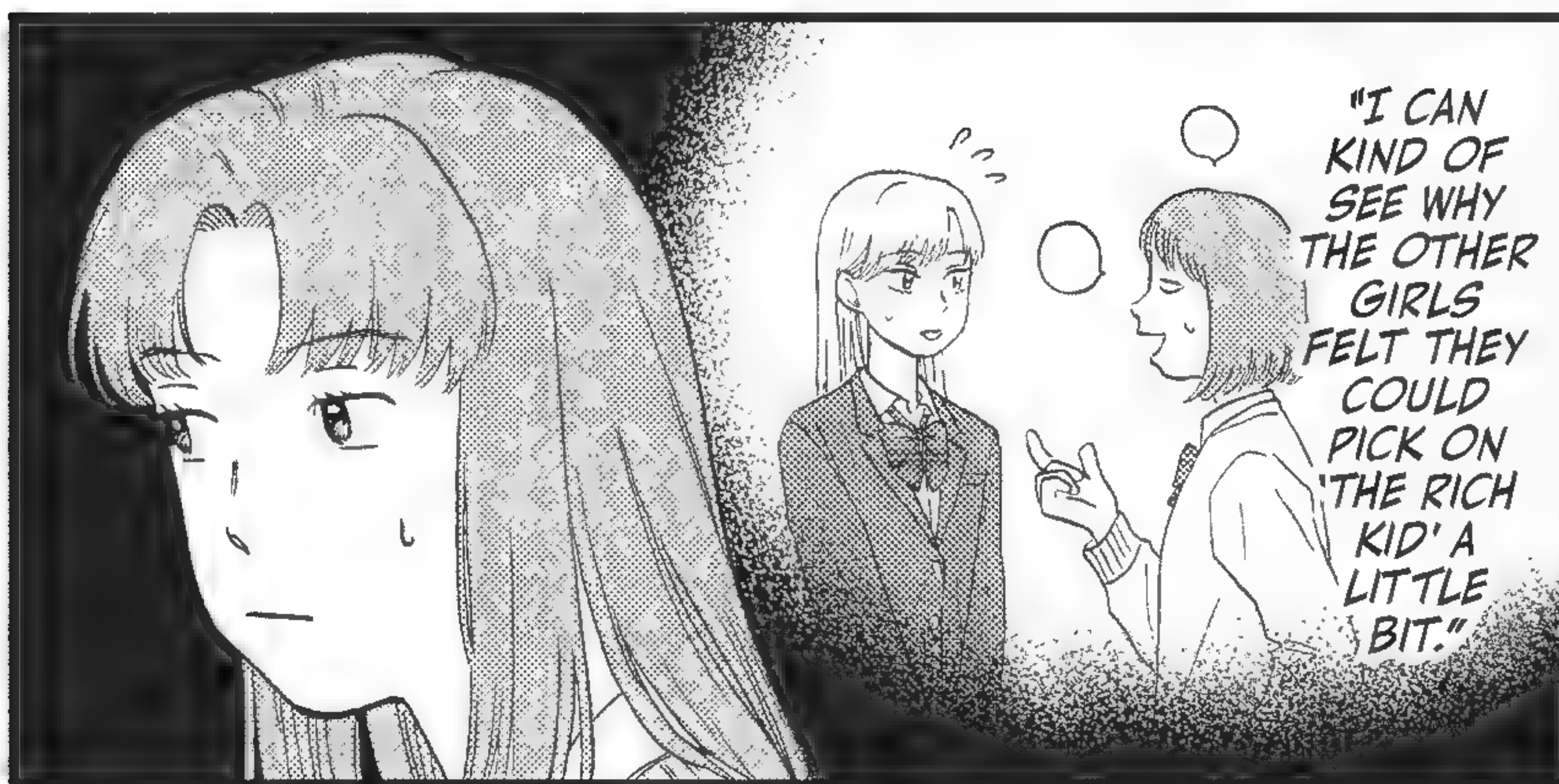


*I can't
do this
anymore.*











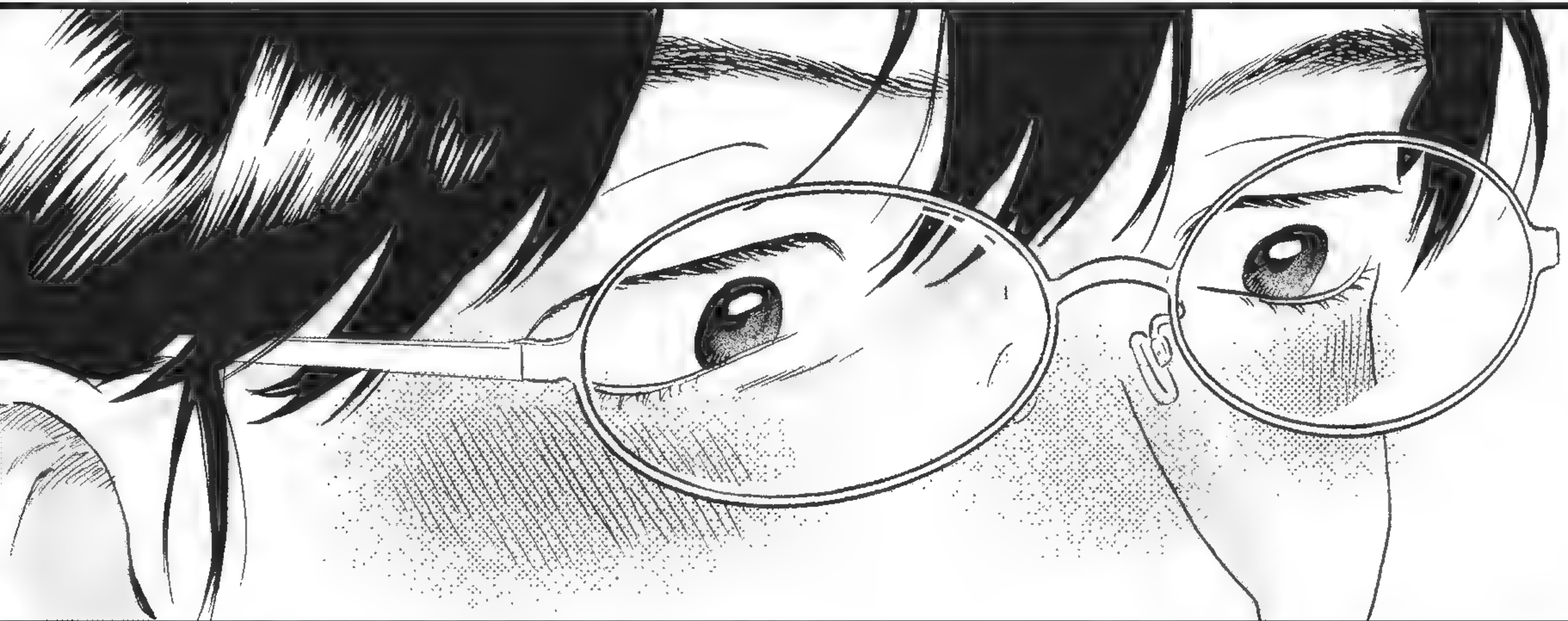
"THIS
IS YUZU
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT."



and I
opened
up to
her...

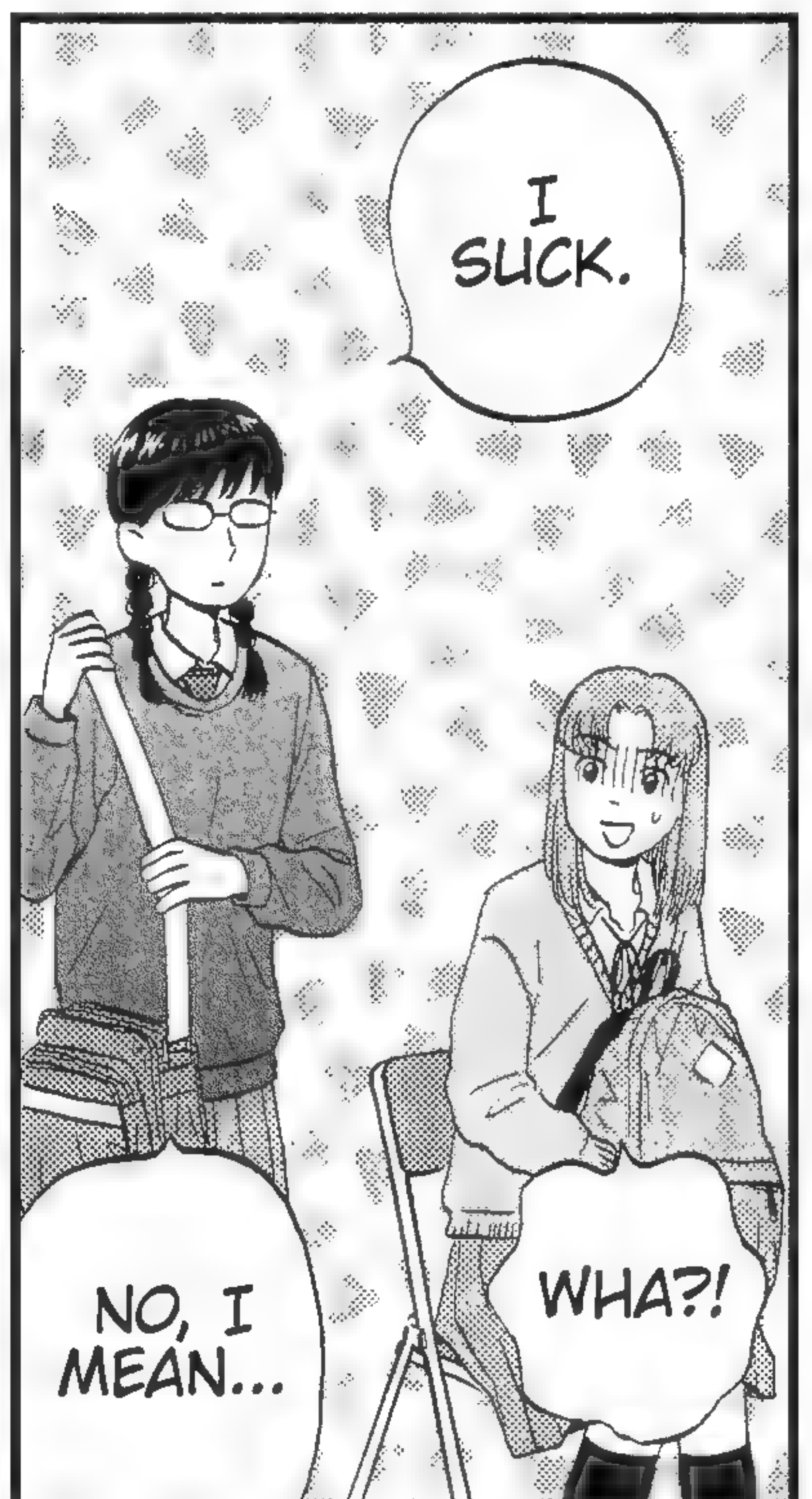
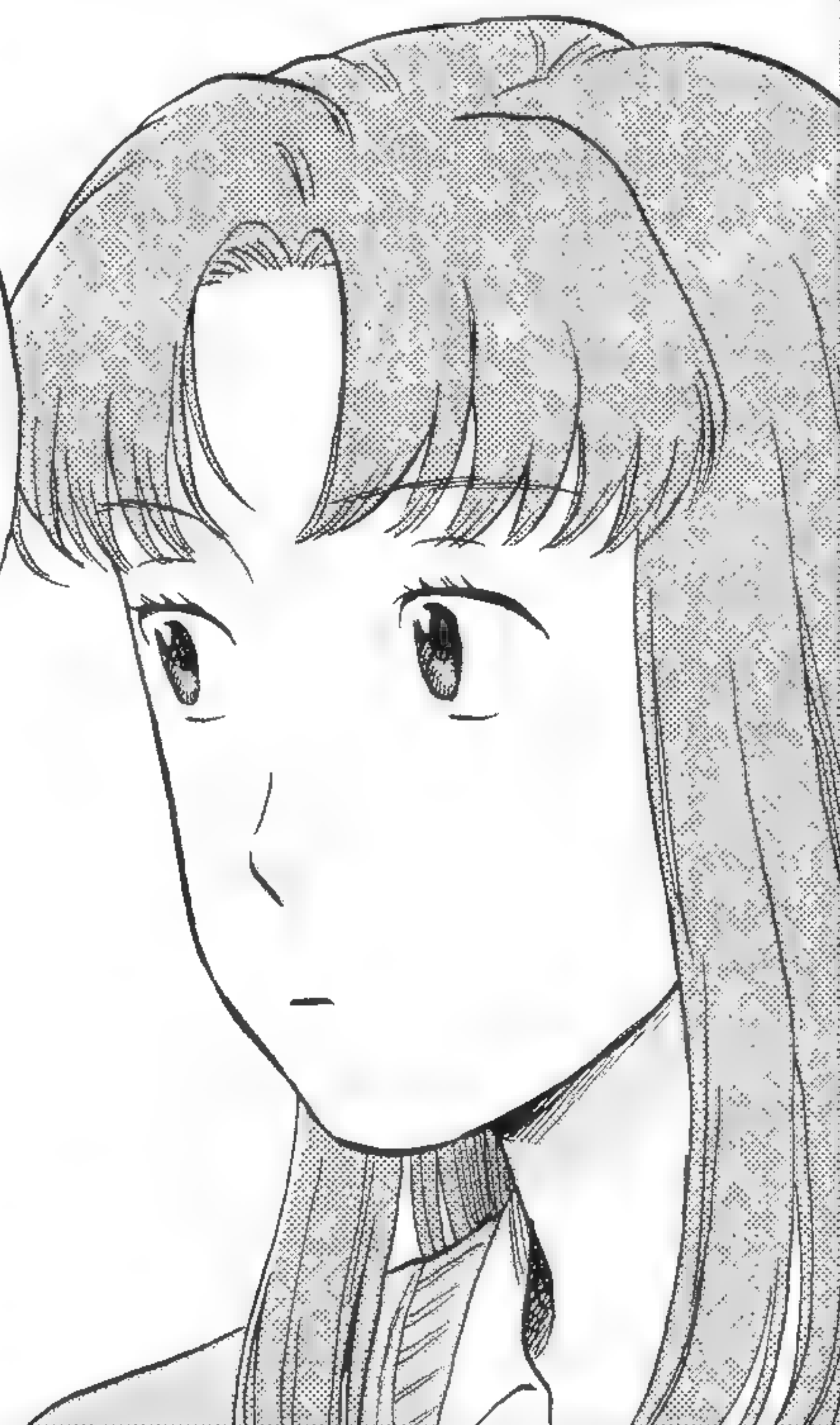


After
she
opened
up to
me...



YUZU TOLD
ME ABOUT THE
PROBLEMS AND
INSECURITIES
HER
APPEARANCE
CAUSED.

I UNDER-
STOOD THAT
SHE HAD IT
ROUGH.



I
SLUCK.

NO, I
MEAN...

WHA?!



I HATE
THAT.



BUT I FEEL
LIKE SOME
PART OF
ME, DEEP
DOWN...

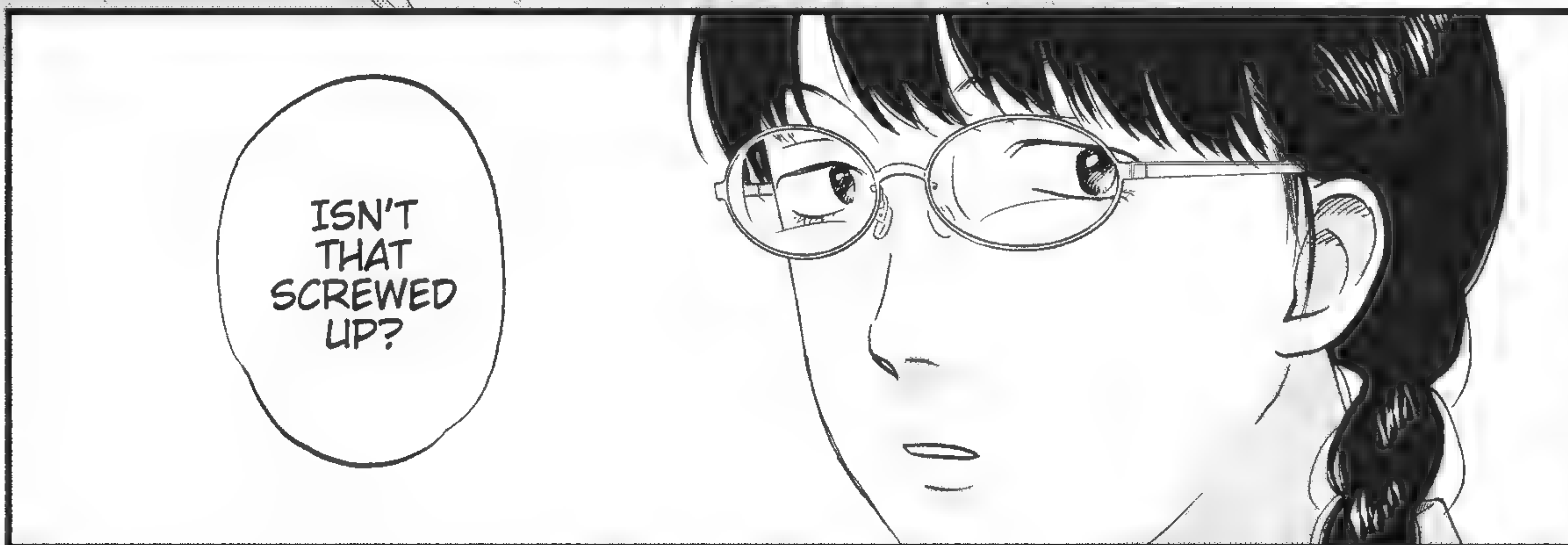
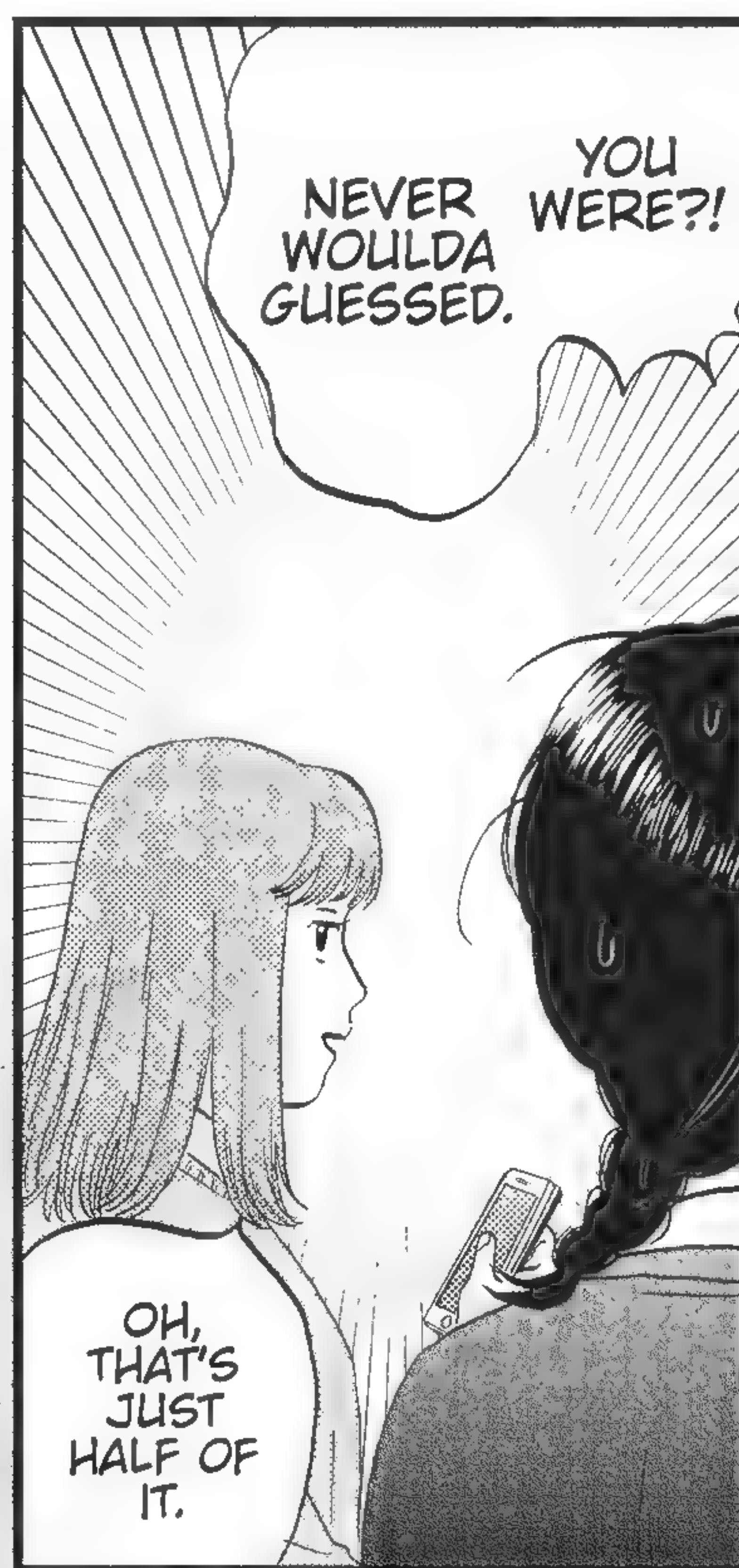
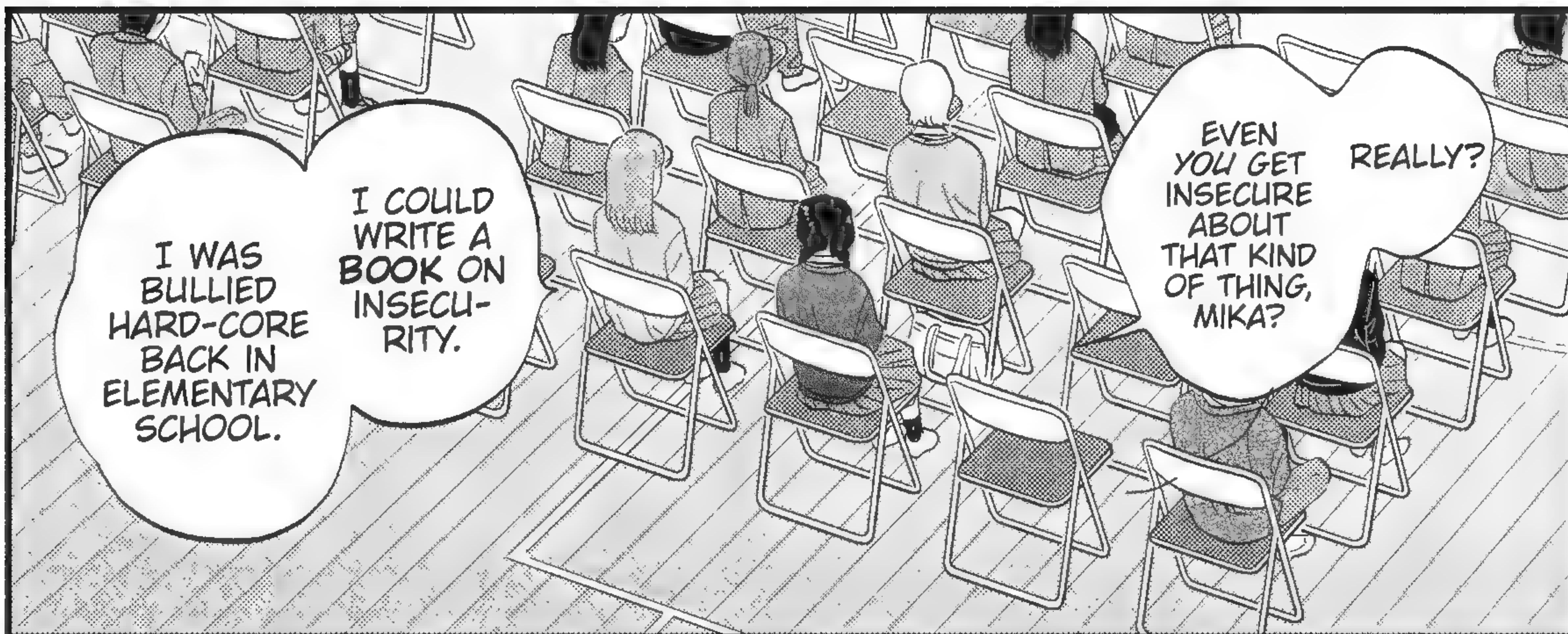
IS
JEALOUS
OF HOW
PRETTY
SHE IS, AND
WISHES I
COULD BE
HER.

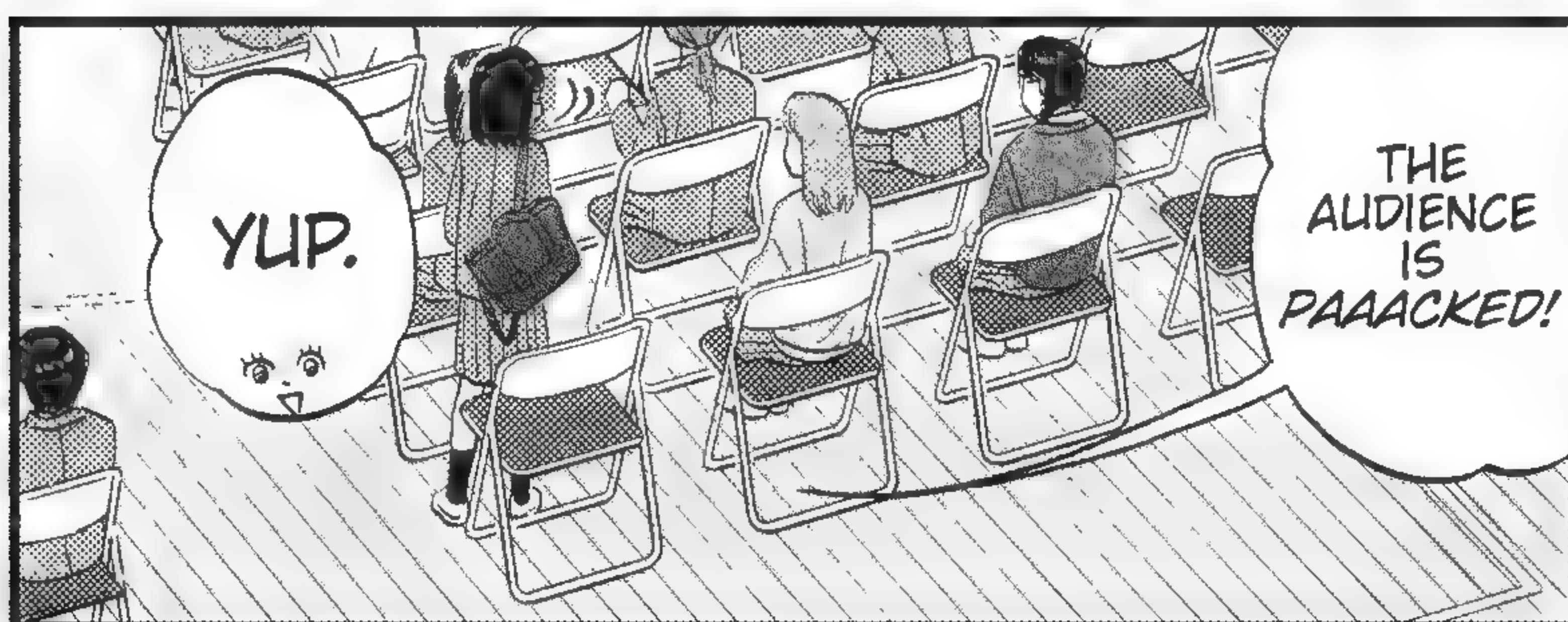
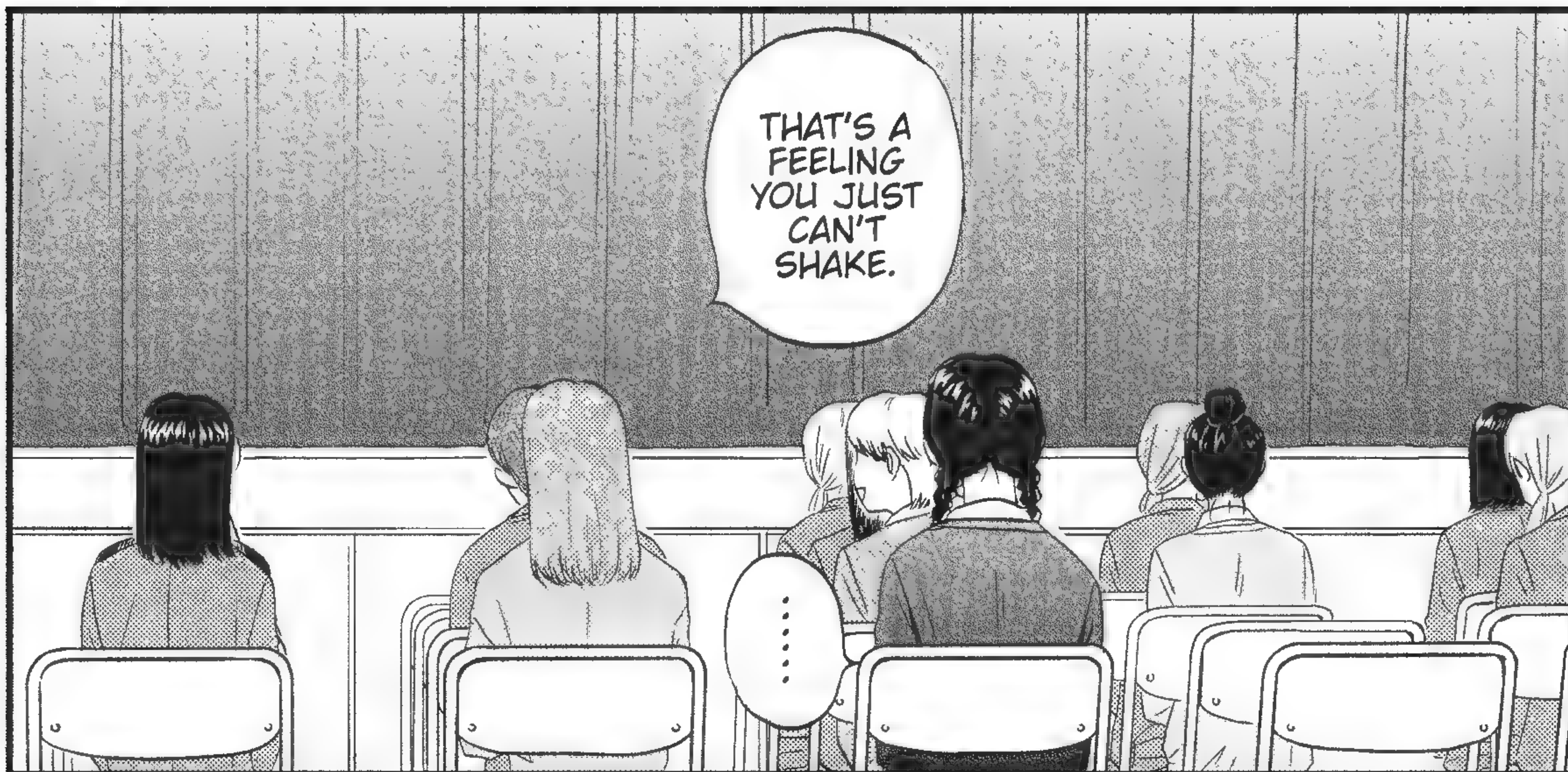


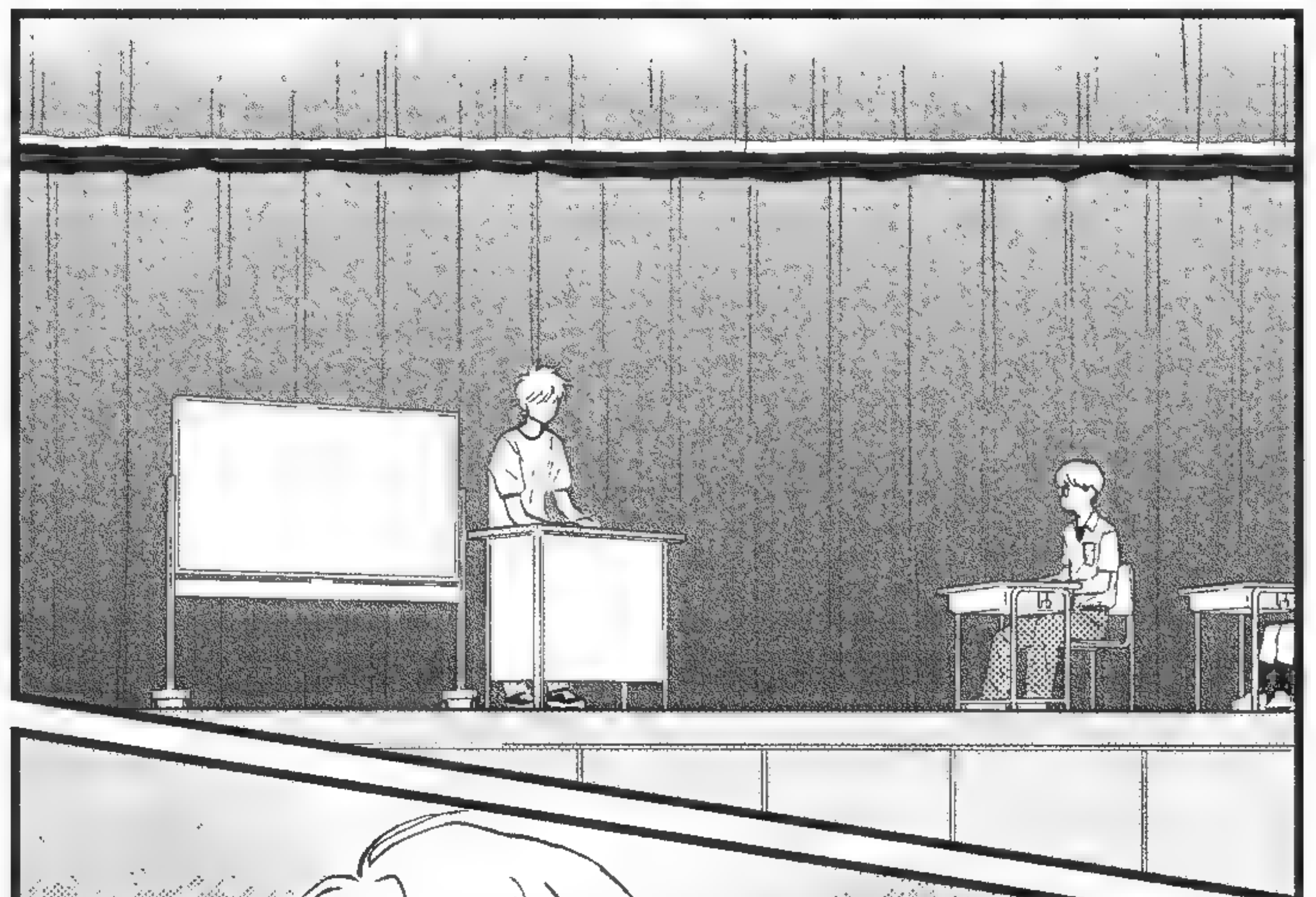
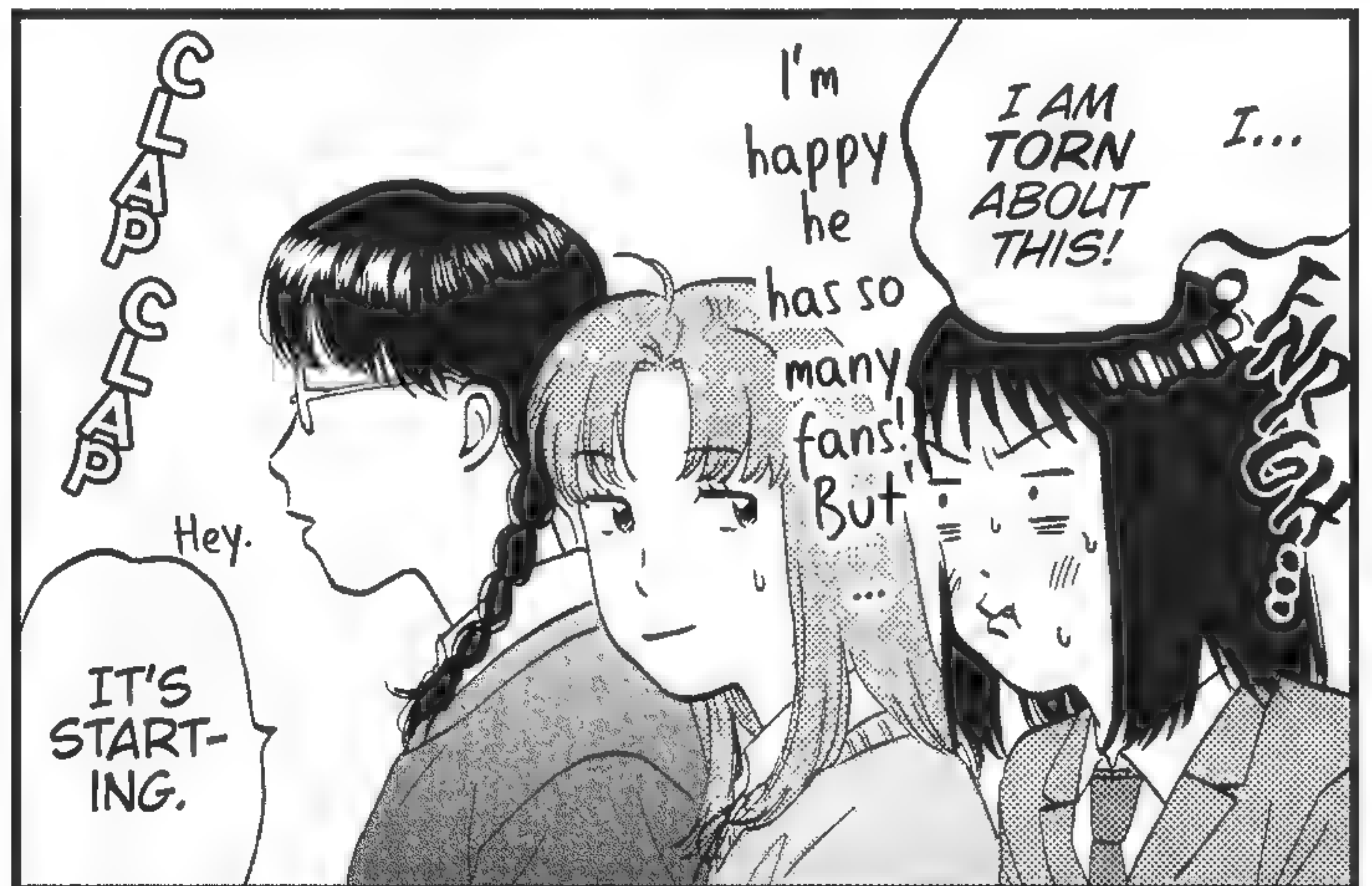
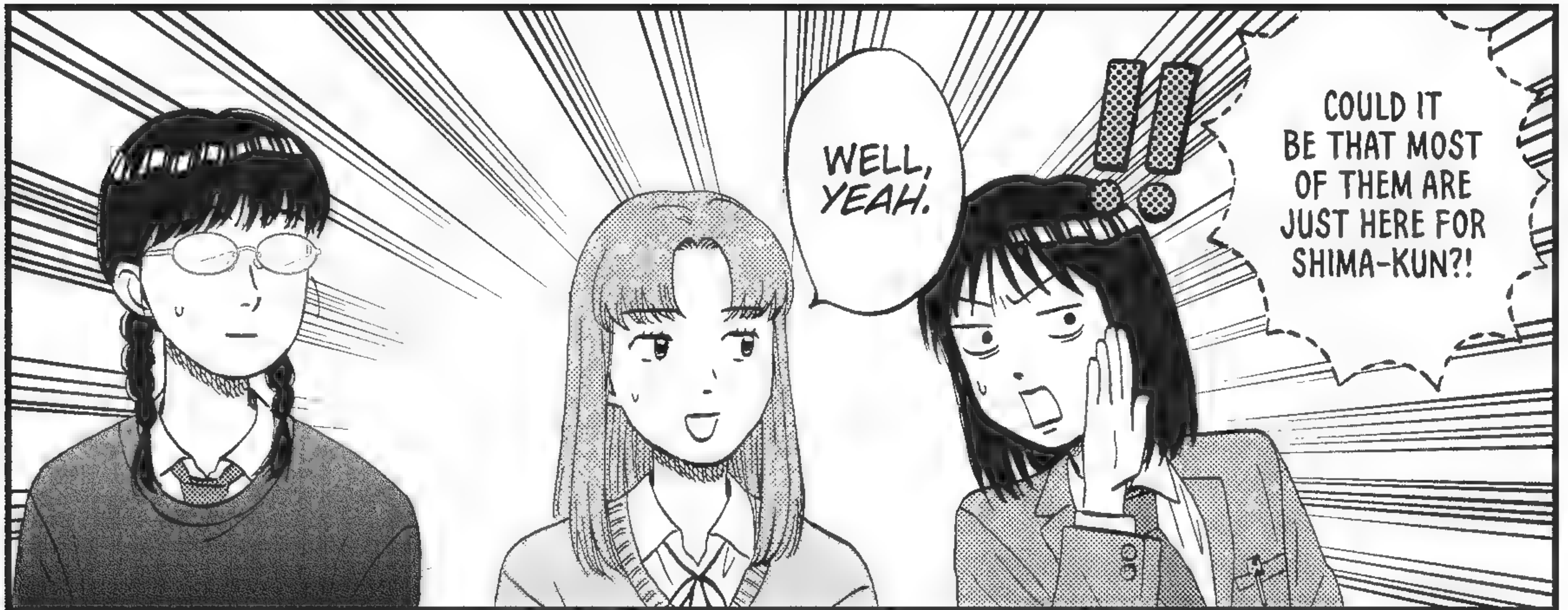
I KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN!

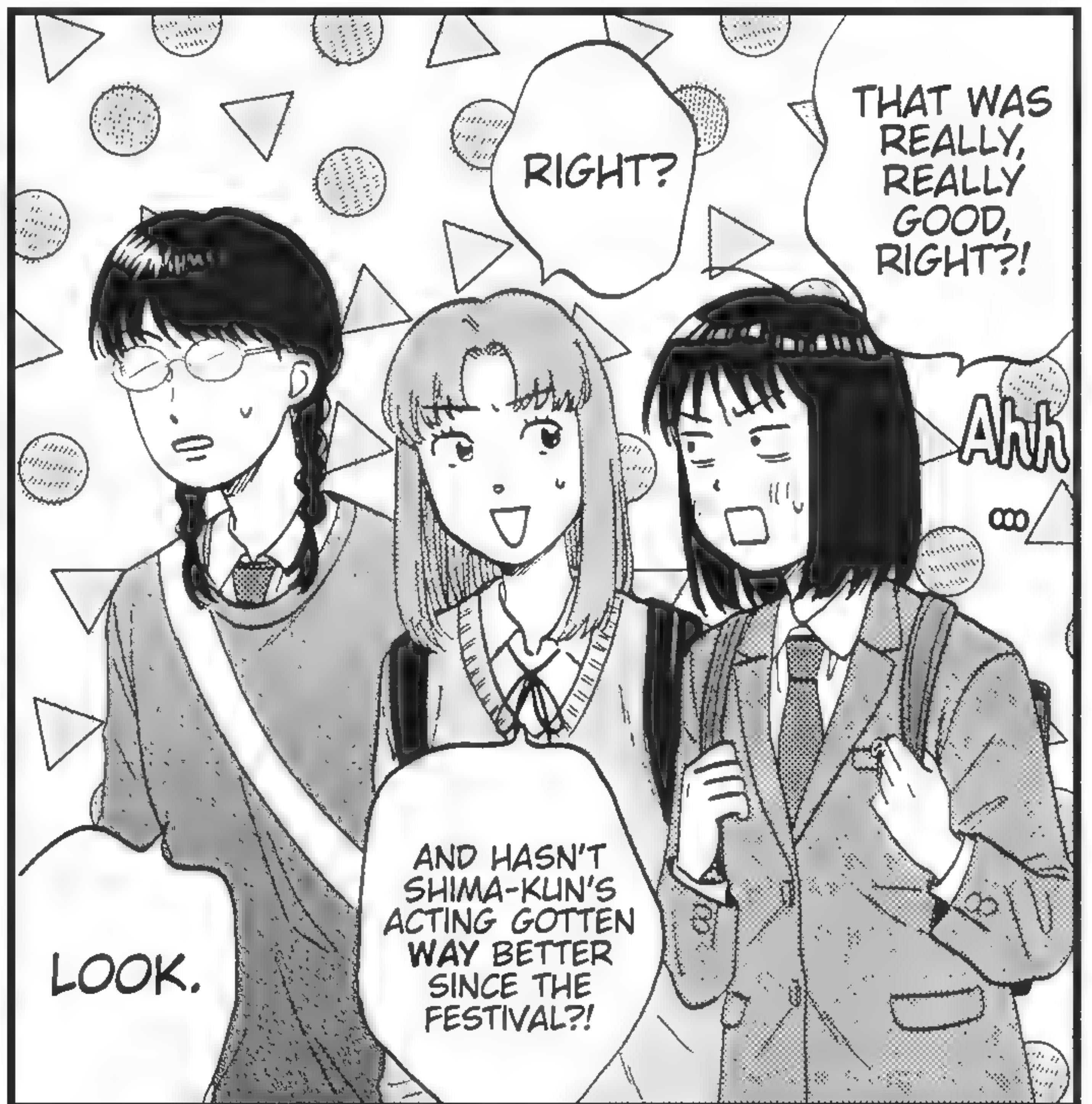
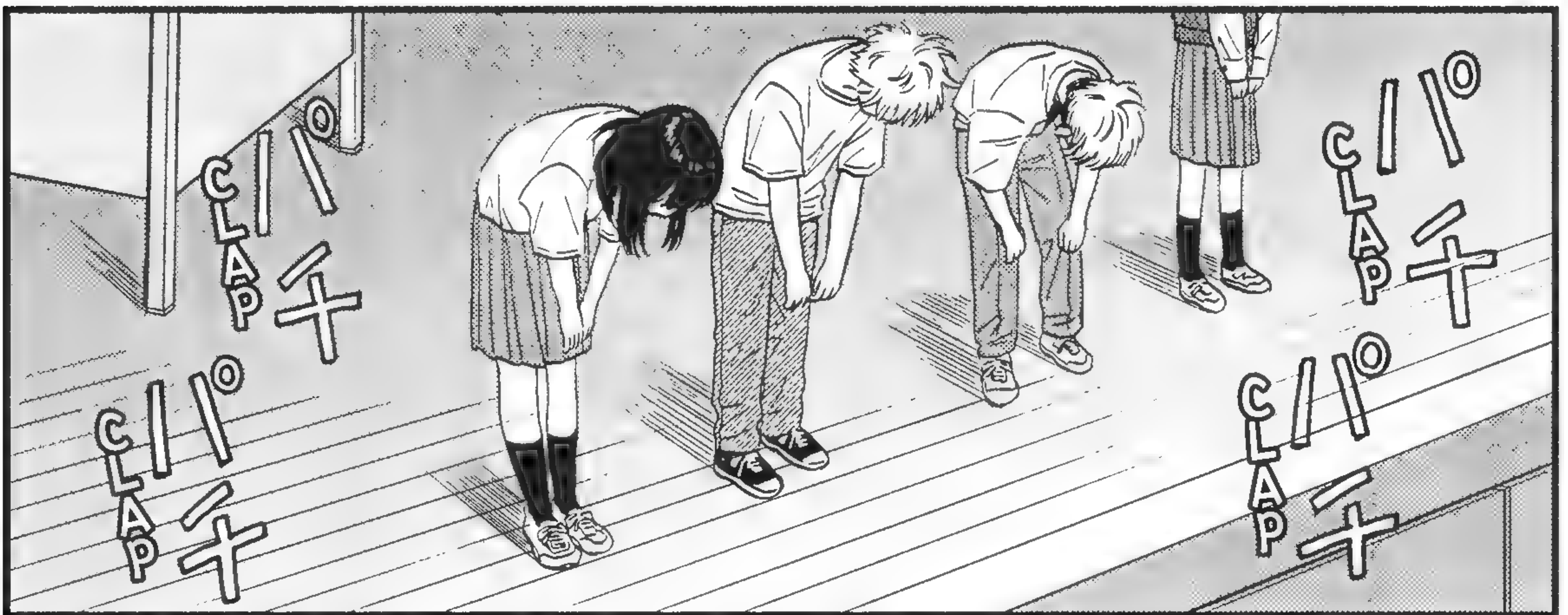
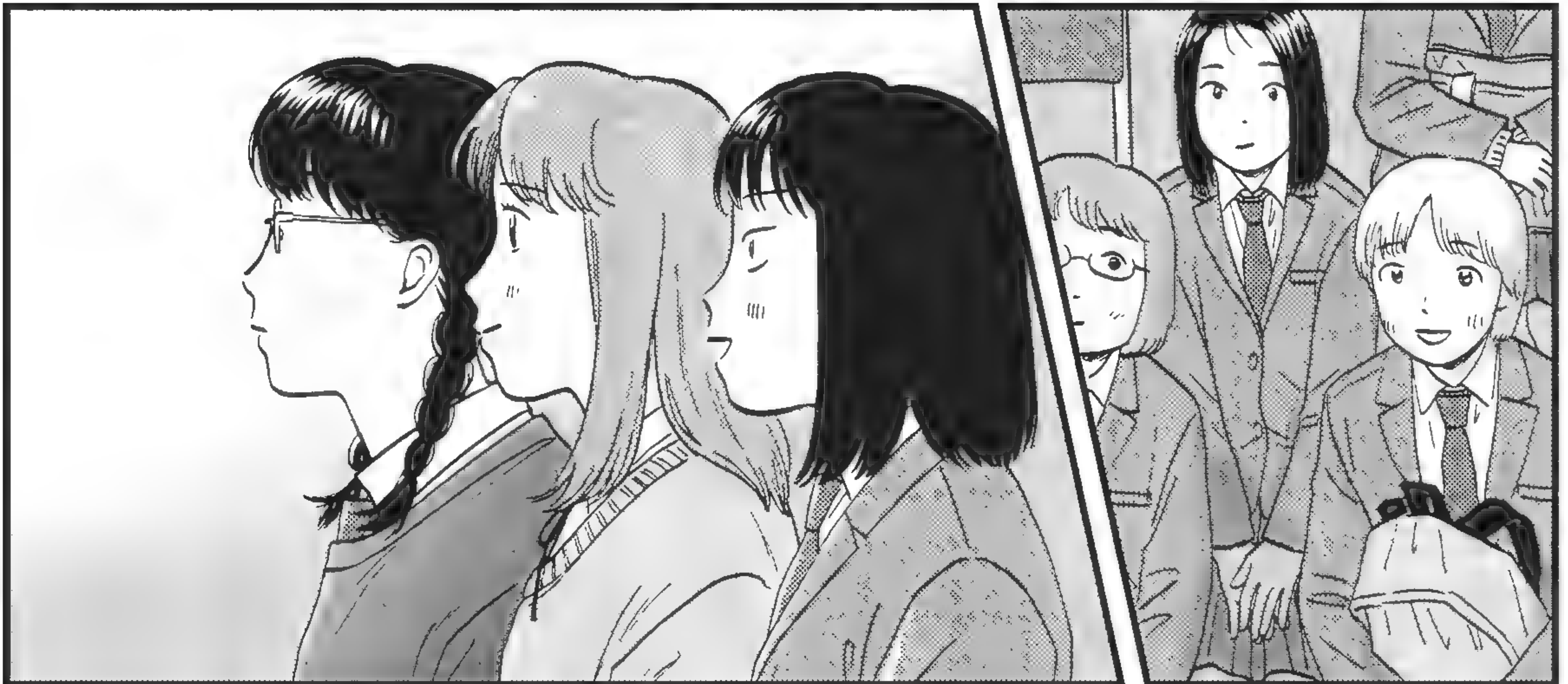


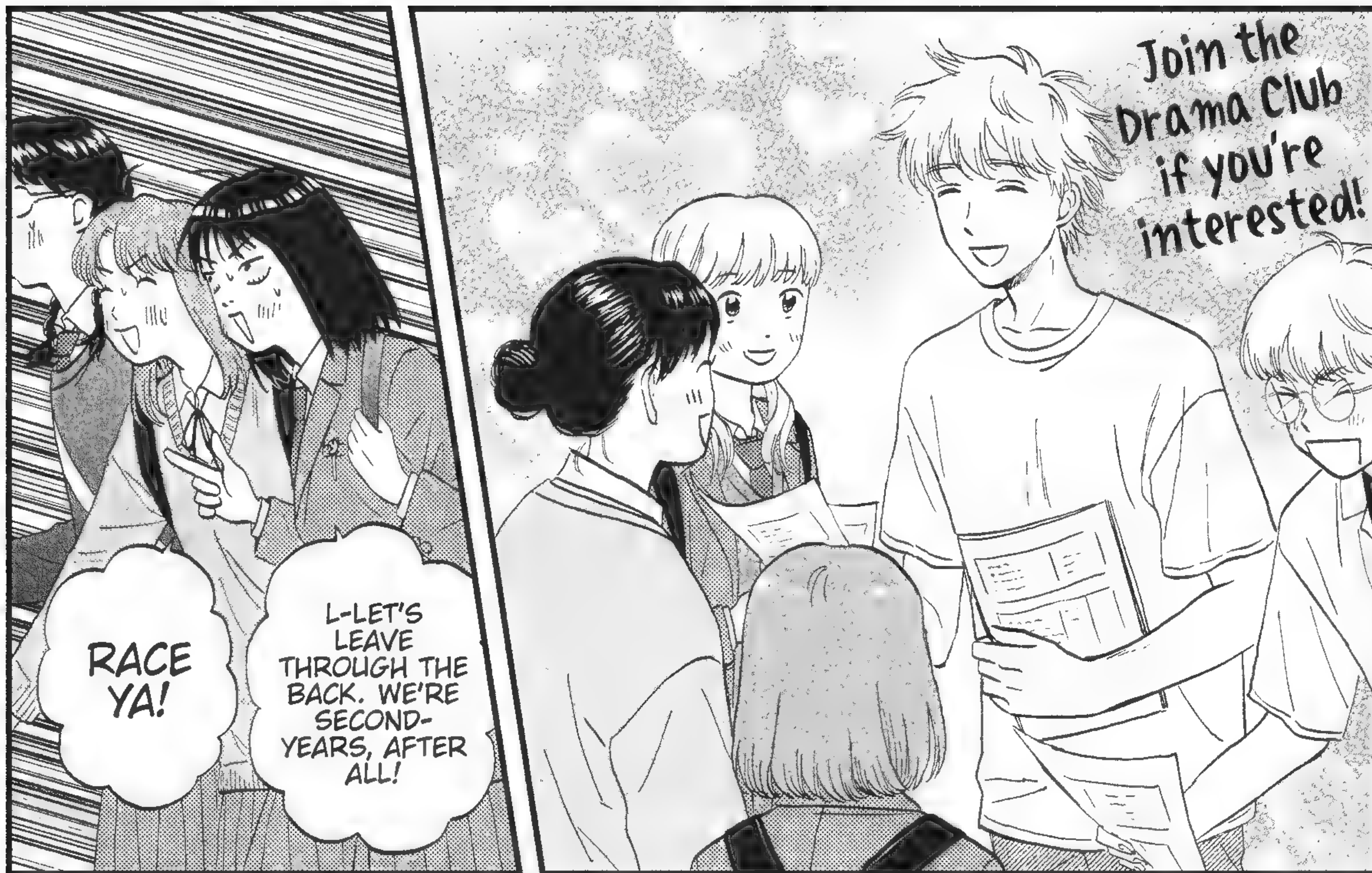
AAAGH...











RACE
YA!

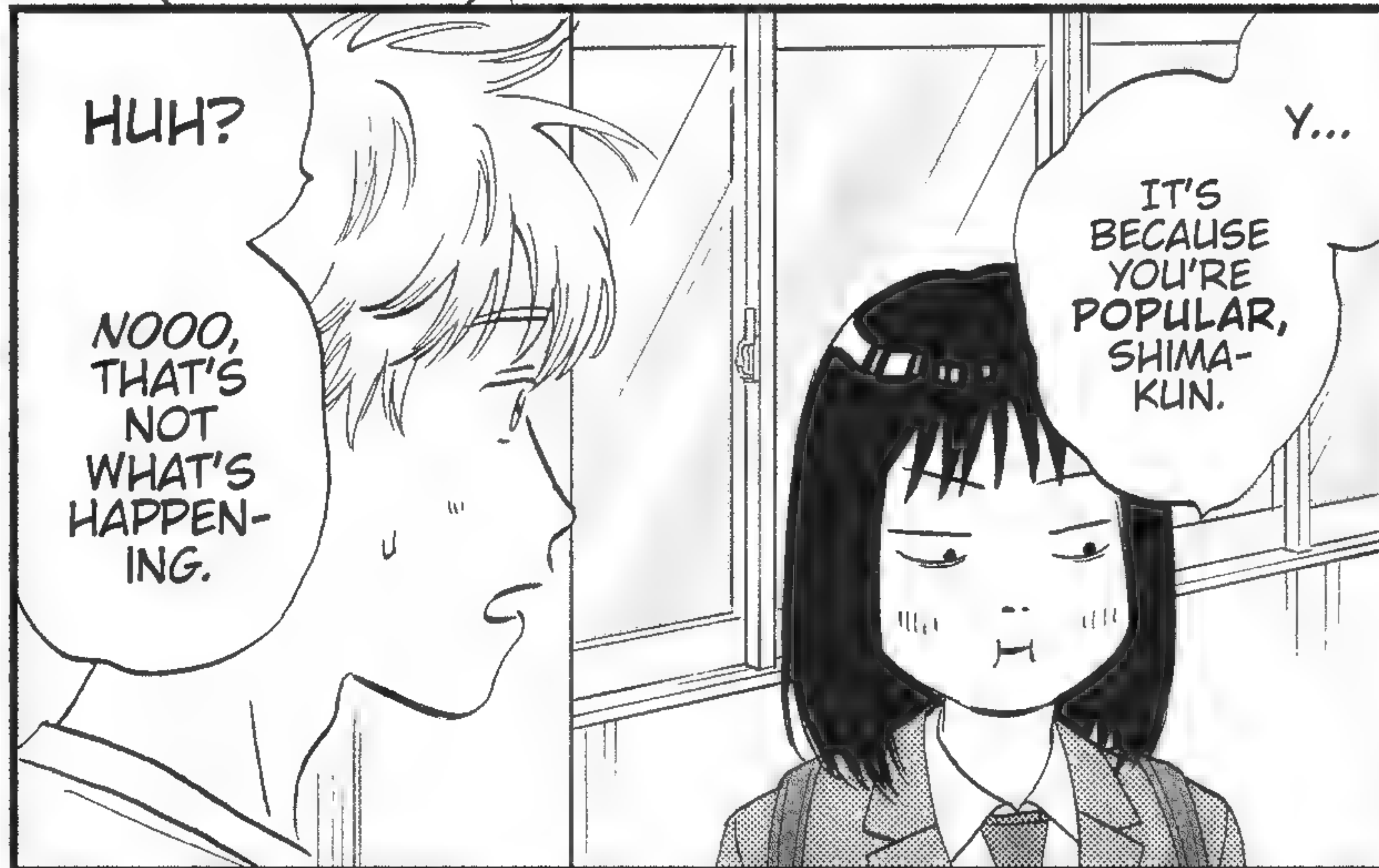
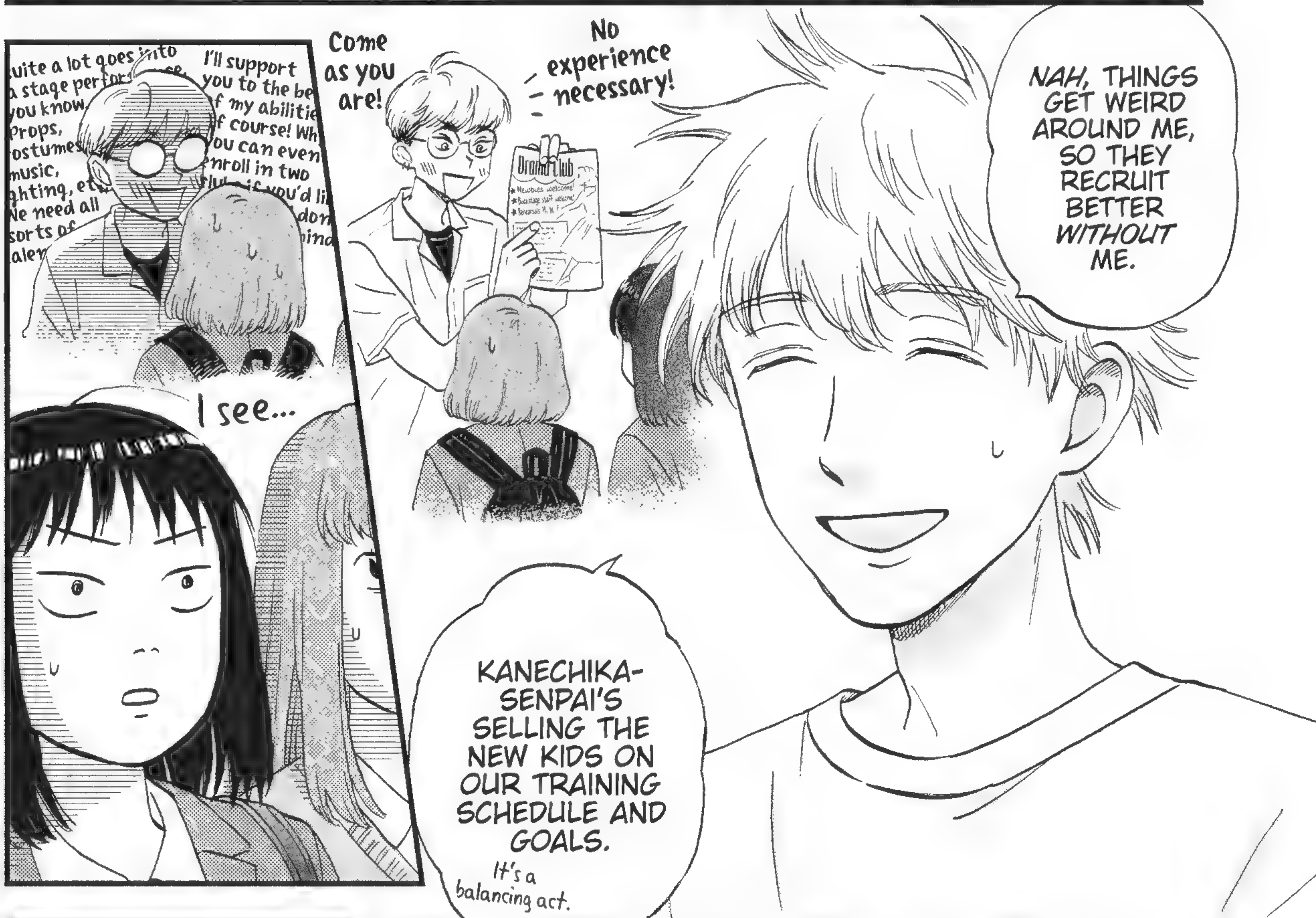
L-LET'S
LEAVE
THROUGH THE
BACK. WE'RE
SECOND-
YEARS, AFTER
ALL!

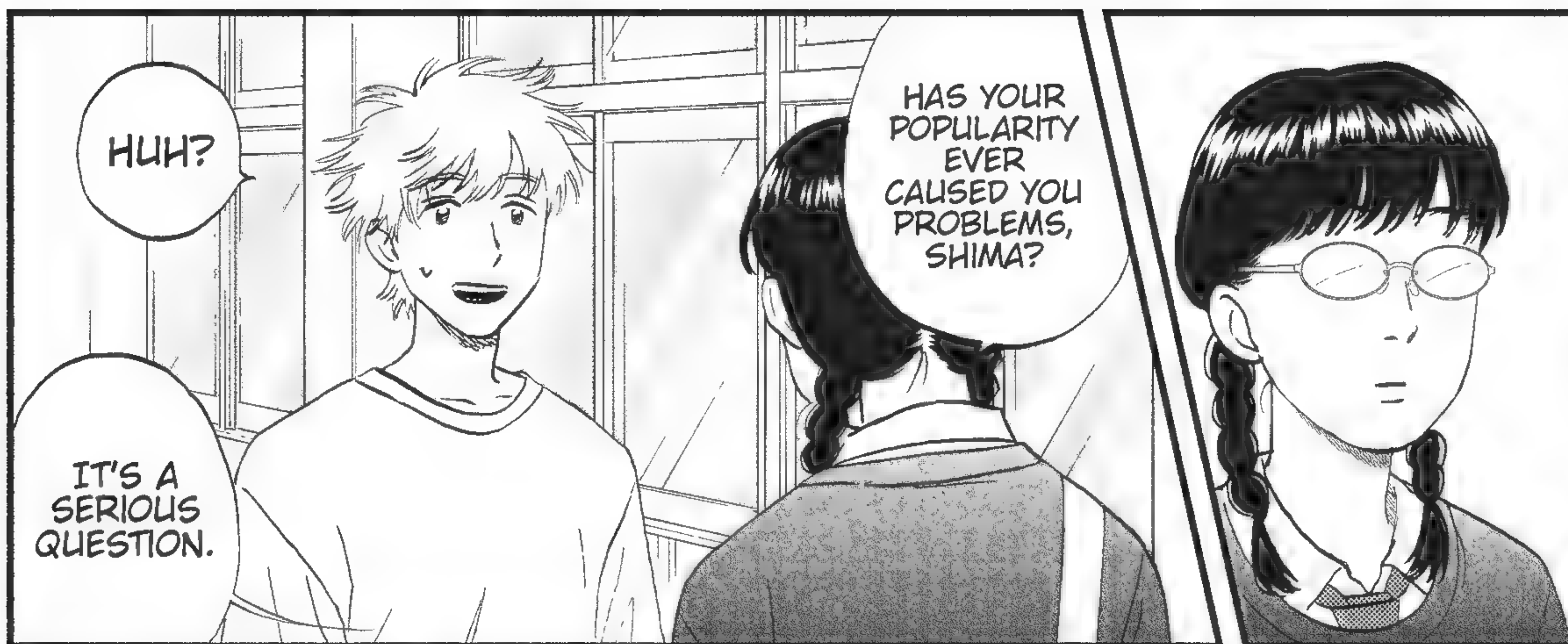
YOU
COULD
AT LEAST
SAY HI.

SO, CAN
WE MEET
UP FOR
LUNCH ON
MOUNT
TAKAO,
THEN?

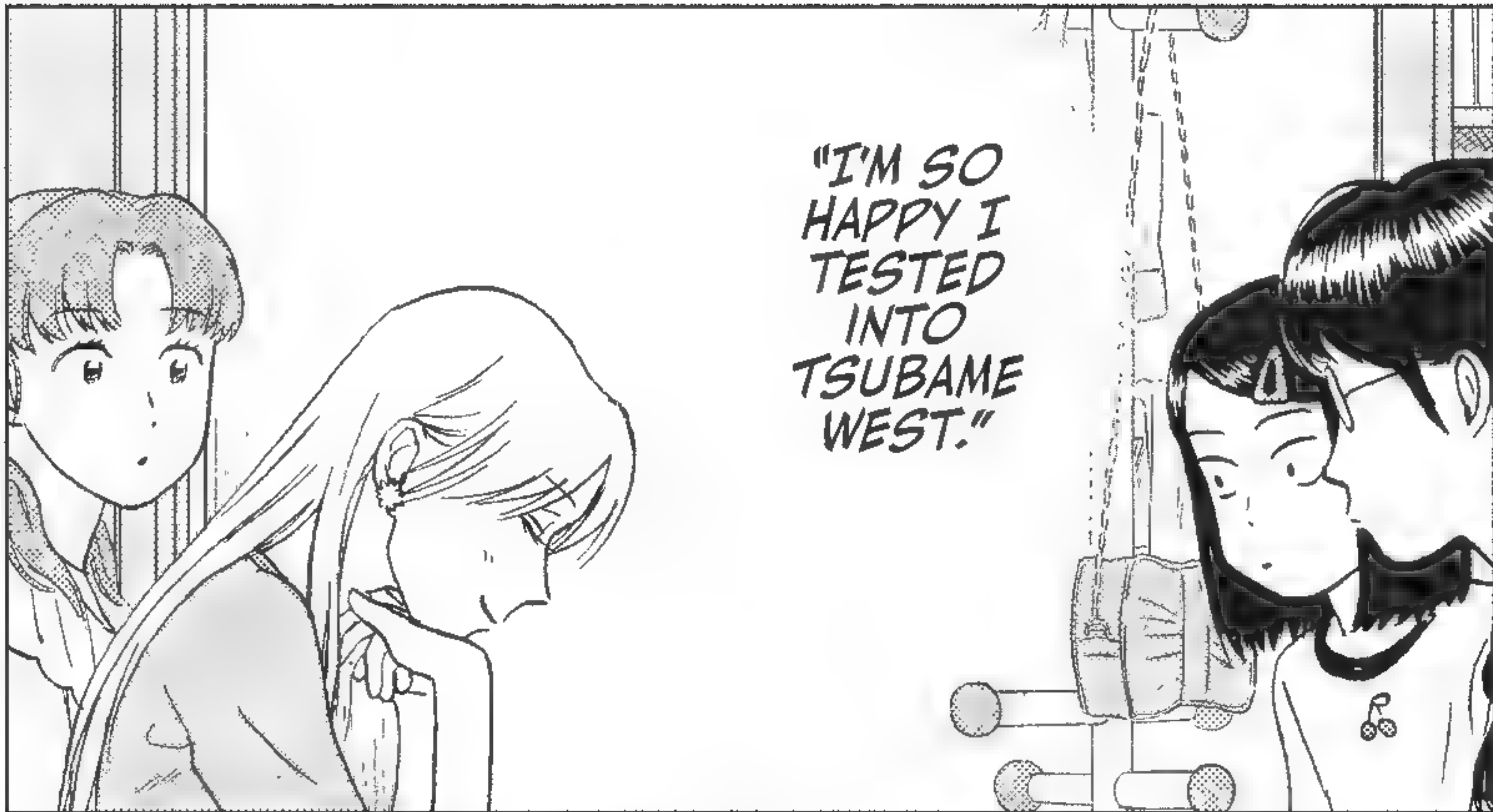
SHALL
WE EACH
BRING A
SIDE TO
SHARE?

OH!
GOOD
IDEA!





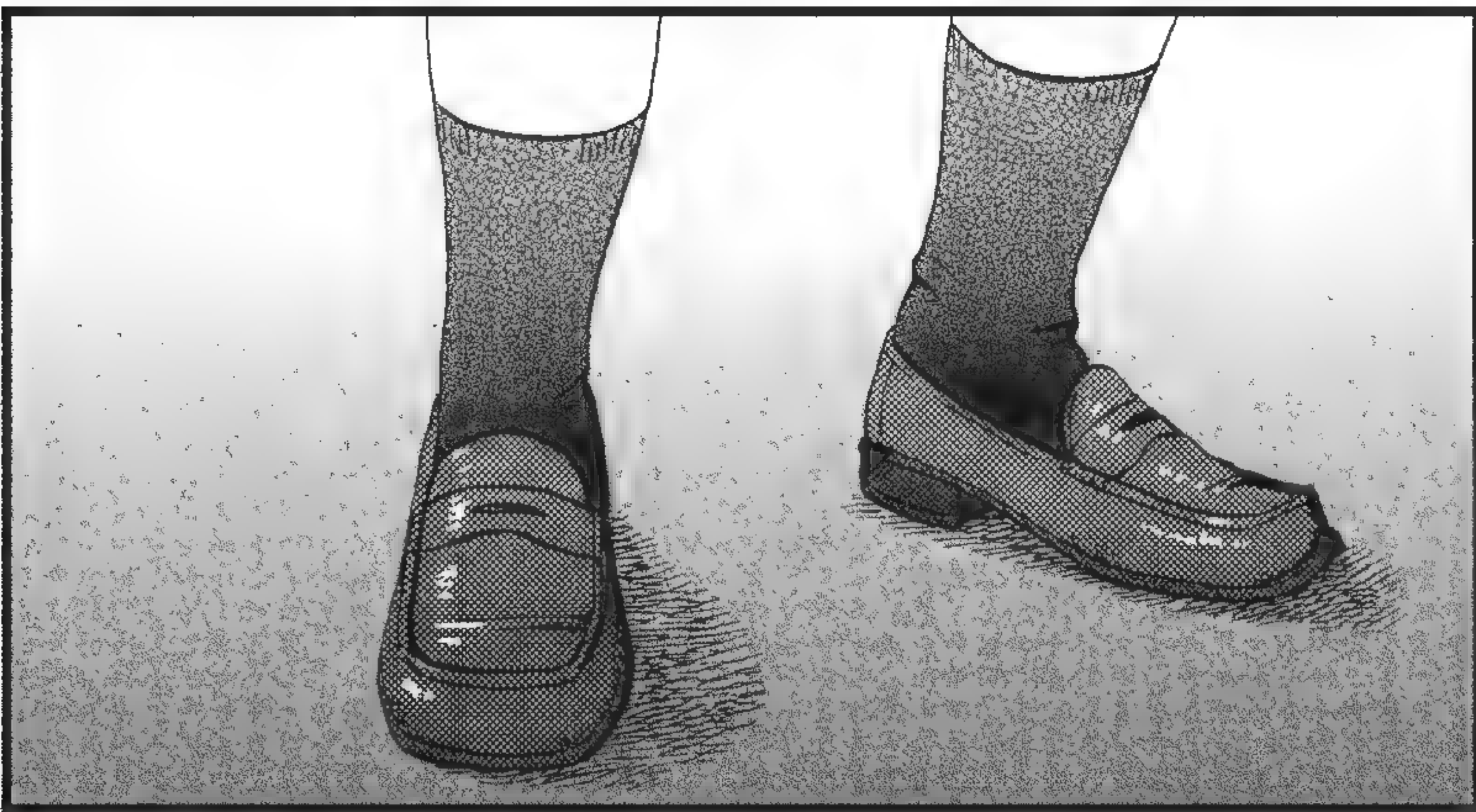




"I'M SO
HAPPY I
TESTED
INTO
TSUBAME
WEST."

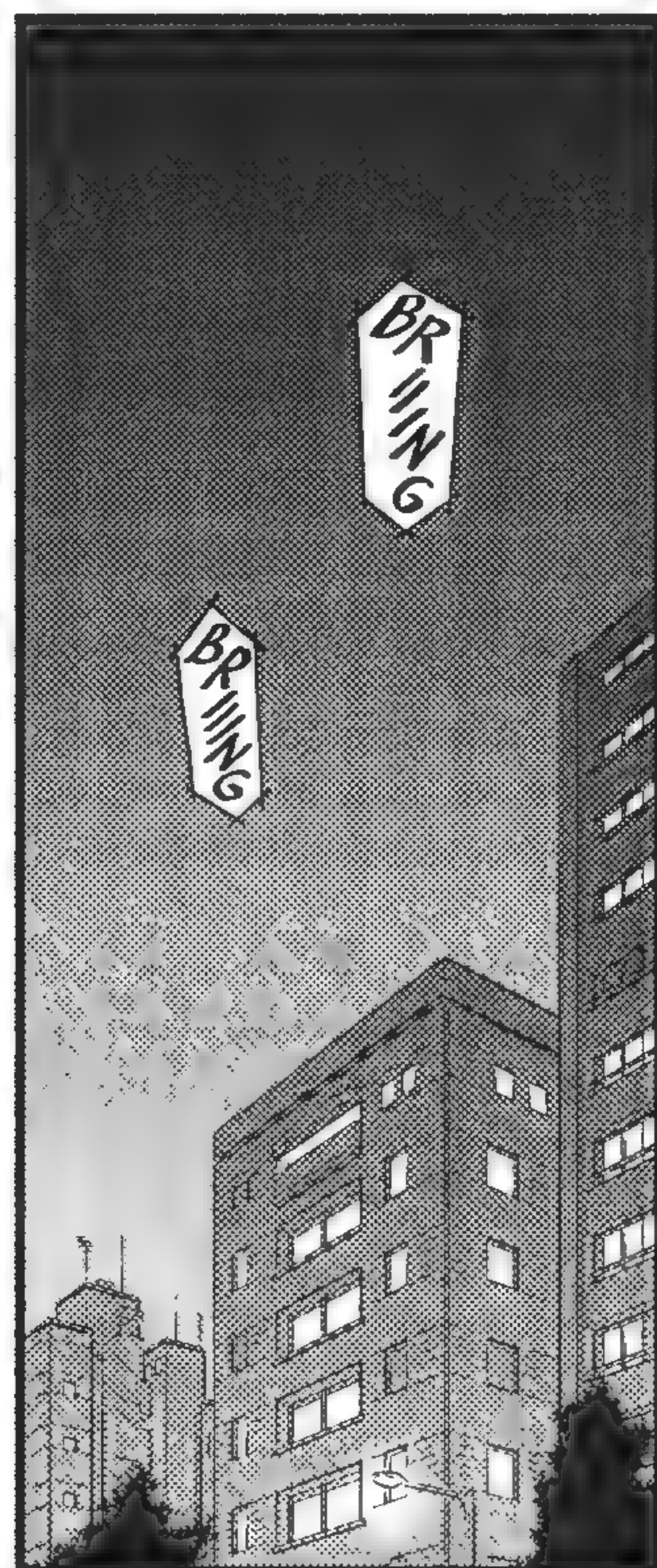
*outside
my field of
expertise.*

*This is
all...*



"SHE WAS
BEHAVING
STRANGELY IN
THE STUDENT
COUNCIL
OFFICE THE
OTHER DAY."











SO, IT'S
LIKE...

I MEAN, I
KNOW WE'RE
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT. I
MIGHT NOT
UNDERSTAND
YOU THAT
WELL...

BUT IF
YOU'RE
HURTING, I
WISH YOU'D
JUST TELL
ME.







Scene 39 END

Scene ④ Tromping up the Mountain



*Japan's political and economic center in the eastern region, which includes Tokyo.

Mount
Takao.

This 599-meter
mountain is about
fifty kilometers
from the heart of
Tokyo. It has cable
cars and lifts,
making it ideal for
inexperienced
hikers.

It's a much-
loved sacred
mountain in
the Kanto
region.*

Dear
friends
back in
Ikajima...

today, I,
Iwakura
Mitsumi,
sixteen
years
old...

SU...

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO DO THAT
AT THE
PEAK.

YOVEL-
AY-HEE-
HOO!

have
become
a moun-
taineer.

MOZAK
GAKU



Group Iwakura

RIGHT?

IT'LL BE A NICE, COMFY STROLL.

ALMOST ALL OF THE PATHS ARE PAVED!

Kuwa-hara

Sudou

Ujii

Yasaka



YES! I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT.

HM?

YOU'RE ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL, RIGHT, IWAKURA-SAN?

Really? THAT'S COOL.

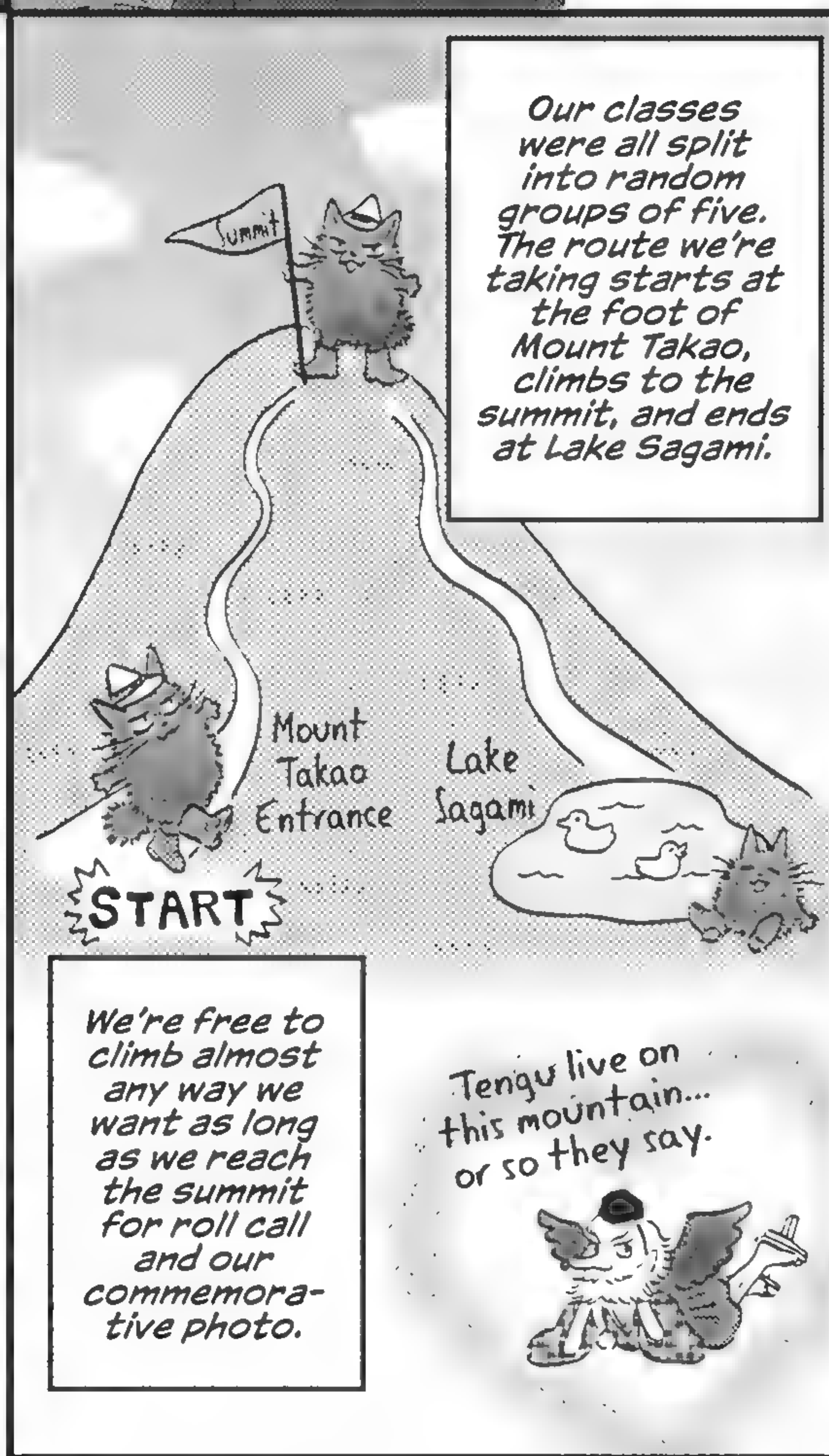
I THOUGHT I SAW YOU AT THE ASSEMBLY AND STUFF~!



KUWAHARA-SAN, YOU'VE JOINED THE TSUBAME SOCIETY, RIGHT?

UH... YEAH.

WOW, REALLY?



Our classes were all split into random groups of five. The route we're taking starts at the foot of Mount Takao, climbs to the summit, and ends at Lake Sagami.

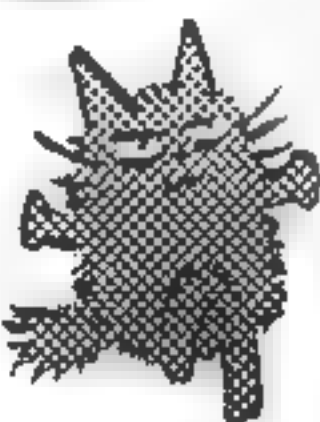
START

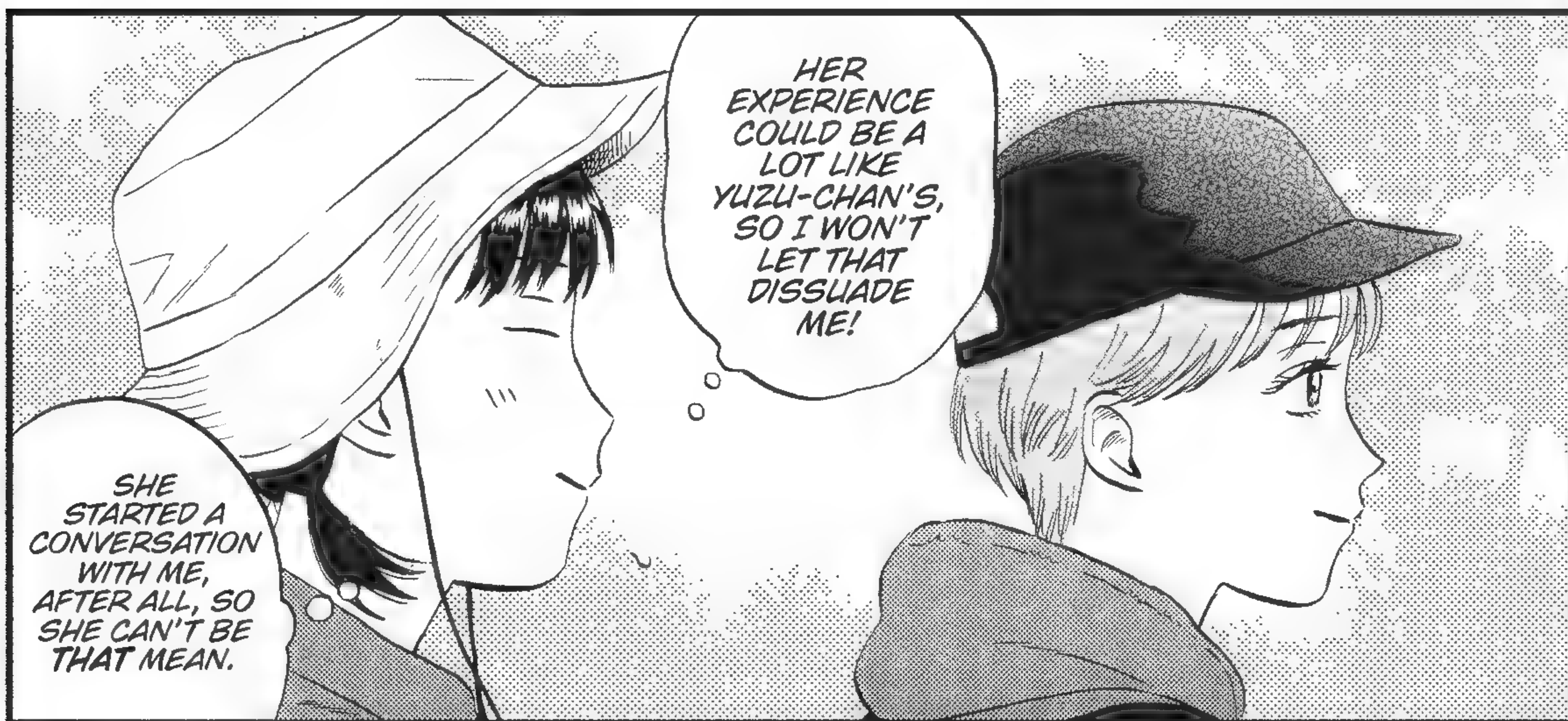
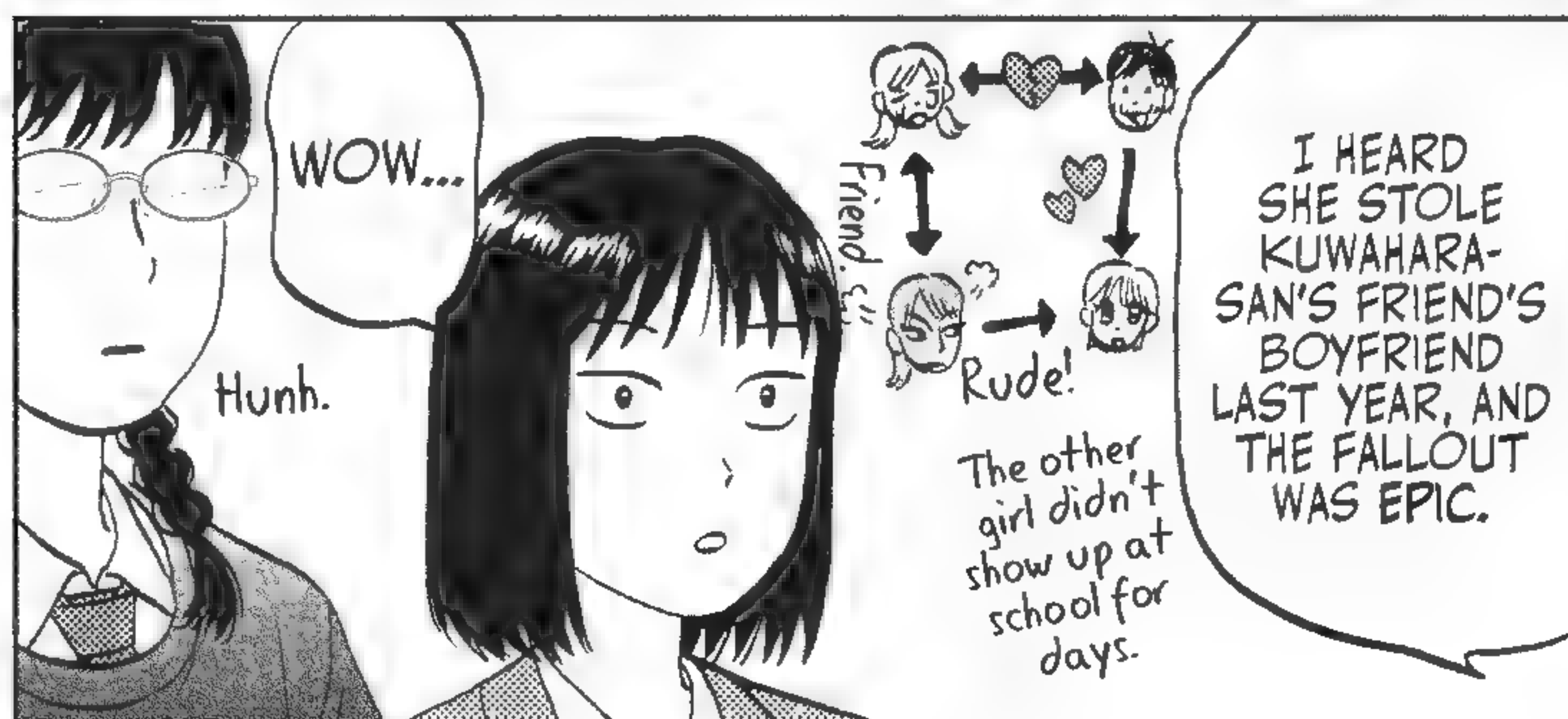
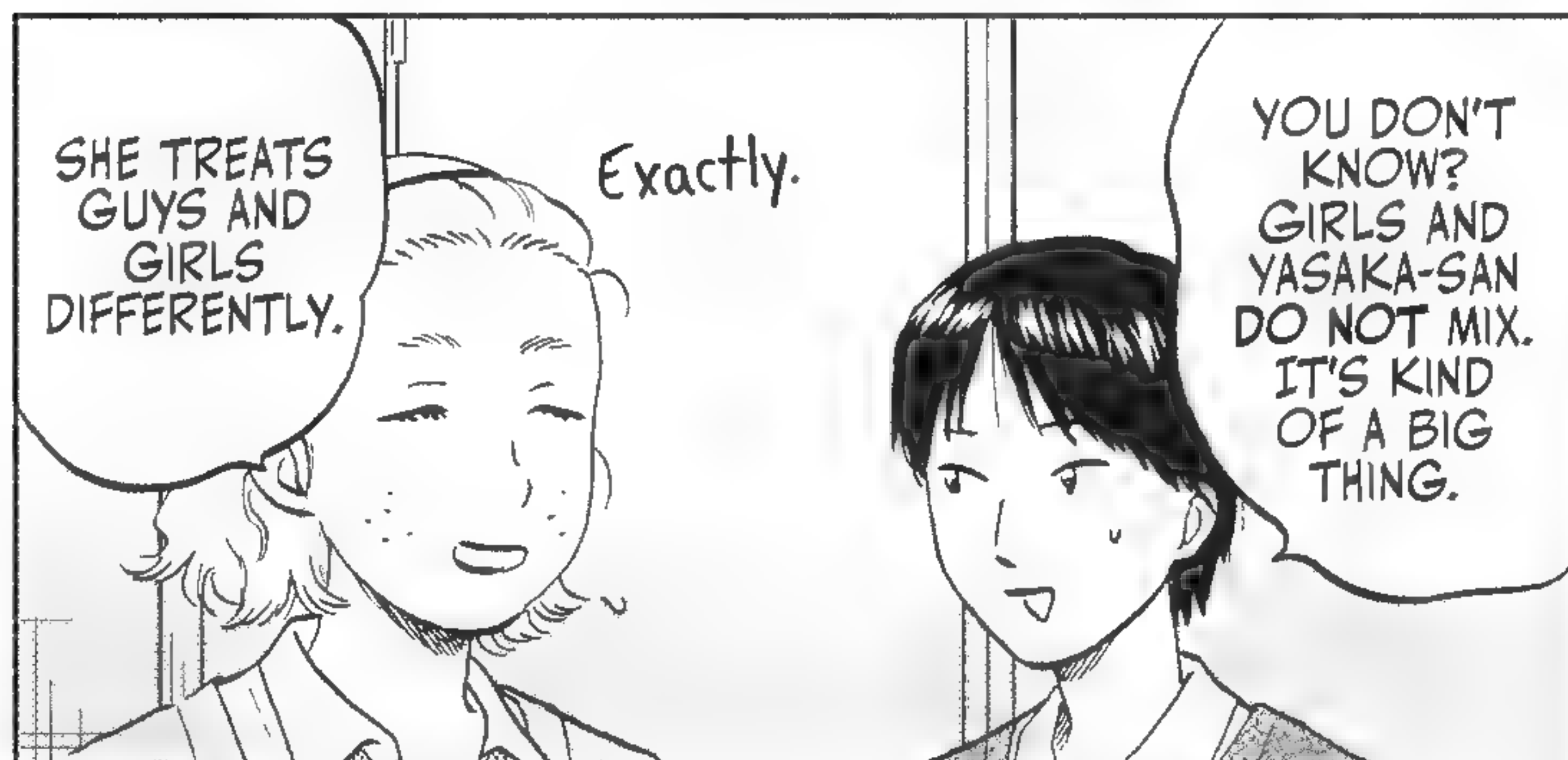
We're free to climb almost any way we want as long as we reach the summit for roll call and our commemorative photo.

Tengu live on this mountain... or so they say.





Several days earlier... 

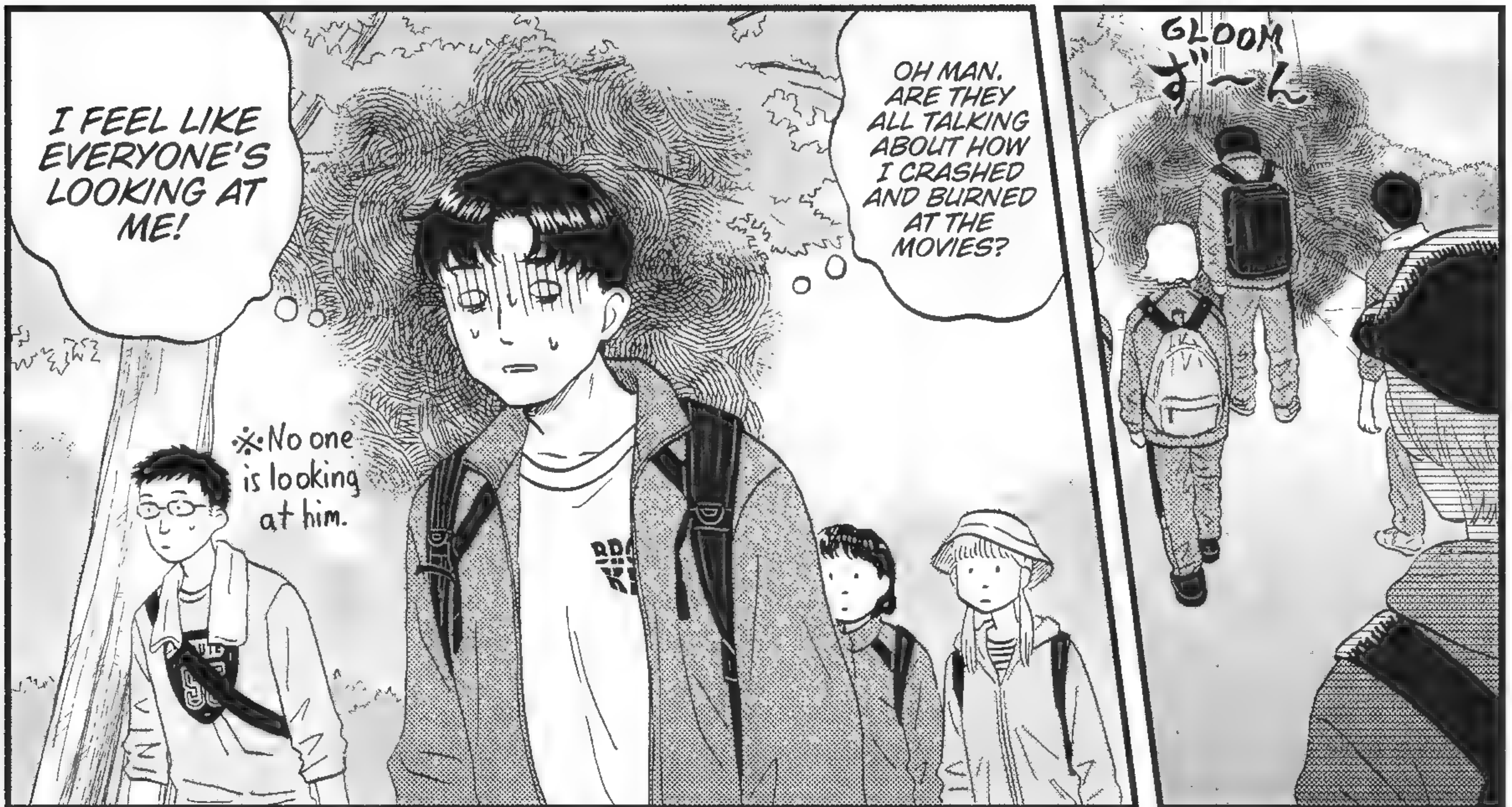




HE'S THE
ONE WHO
COULDN'T
STOP
TALKING
TO ME.

NOT MY
FAULT~!

SHE SHOULD
THANK ME. IF A
GUY GETS THE
WRONG IDEA
'CAUSE ANOTHER
GIRL IS NICE TO
HIM, HE'S NOT
WORTH WASTING
YOUR TIME ON.
YOU'RE
WELCOME~!



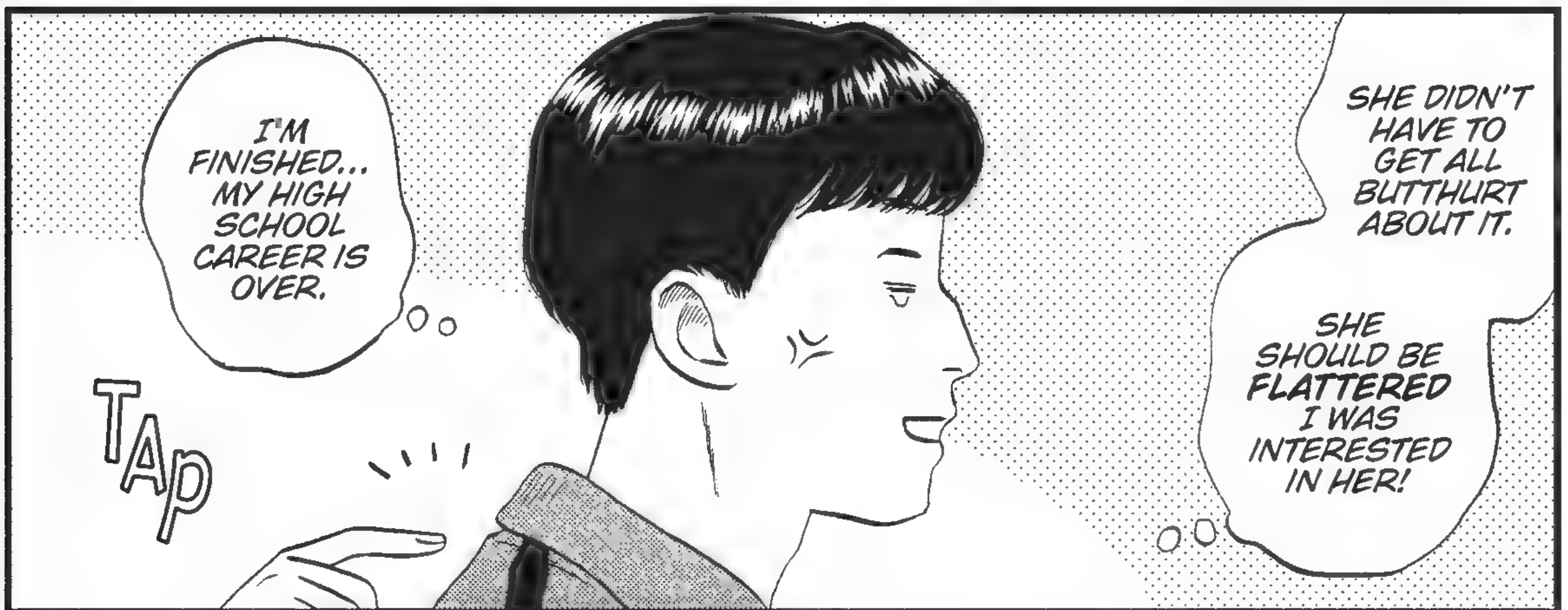
I FEEL LIKE
EVERYONE'S
LOOKING AT
ME!

OH MAN.
ARE THEY
ALL TALKING
ABOUT HOW
I CRASHED
AND BURNED
AT THE
MOVIES?

※No one
is looking
at him.



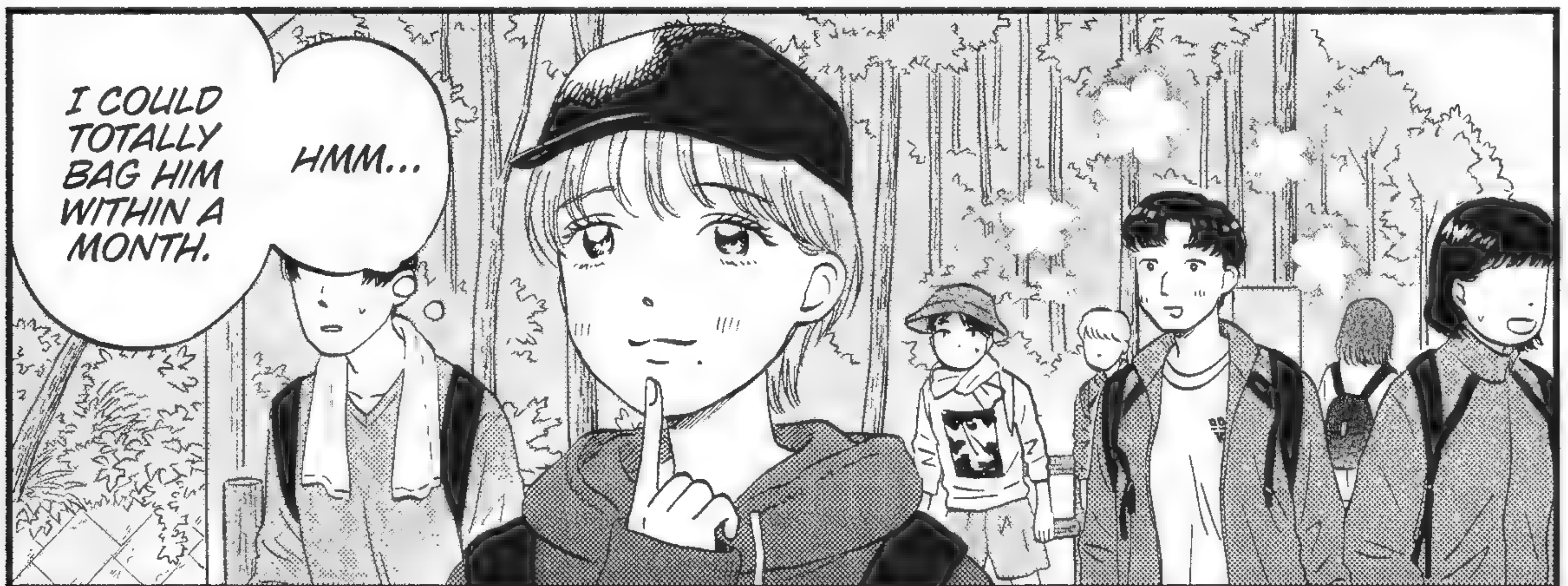
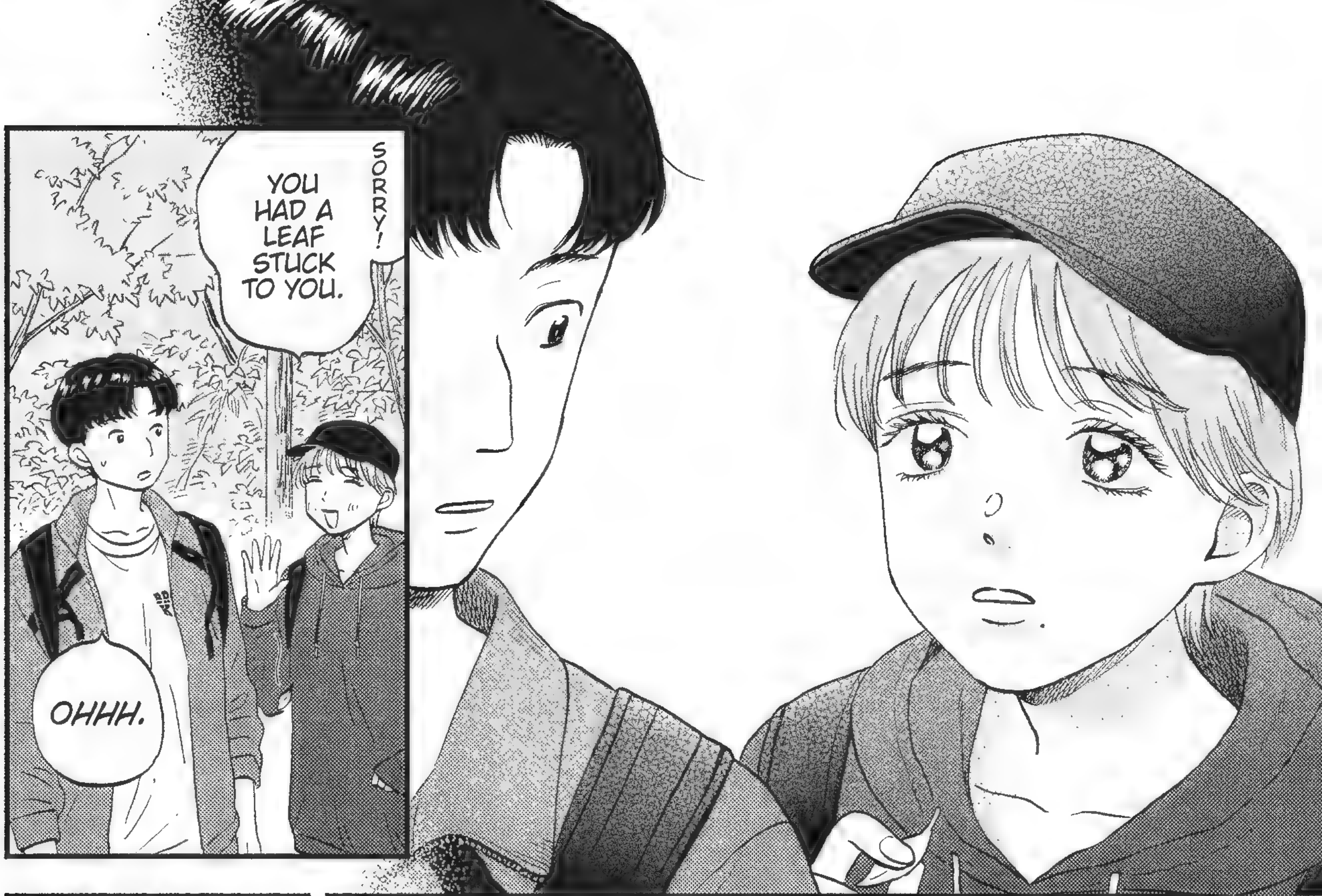
GLOOM
ず〜ん



I'M
FINISHED...
MY HIGH
SCHOOL
CAREER IS
OVER.

SHE DIDN'T
HAVE TO
GET ALL
BUTTHURT
ABOUT IT.

SHE
SHOULD BE
FLATTERED
I WAS
INTERESTED
IN HER!





*They'll do
all your
work,
they're
totally
oblivious,
and it
makes life
sooo
easy.*

*If guys
like her,
she
should
let them
like her.*



*WHAT'S-
HER-FACE,
MURASHIGE-
SAN? SHE'S
GOOD, BUT
SHE NEEDS
POLISH.*



*WHERE
ARE
IWAKURA-
SAN AND
LIJIE-
KUN?*

HUH?

*GIRLS
ARE WHAT
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.*



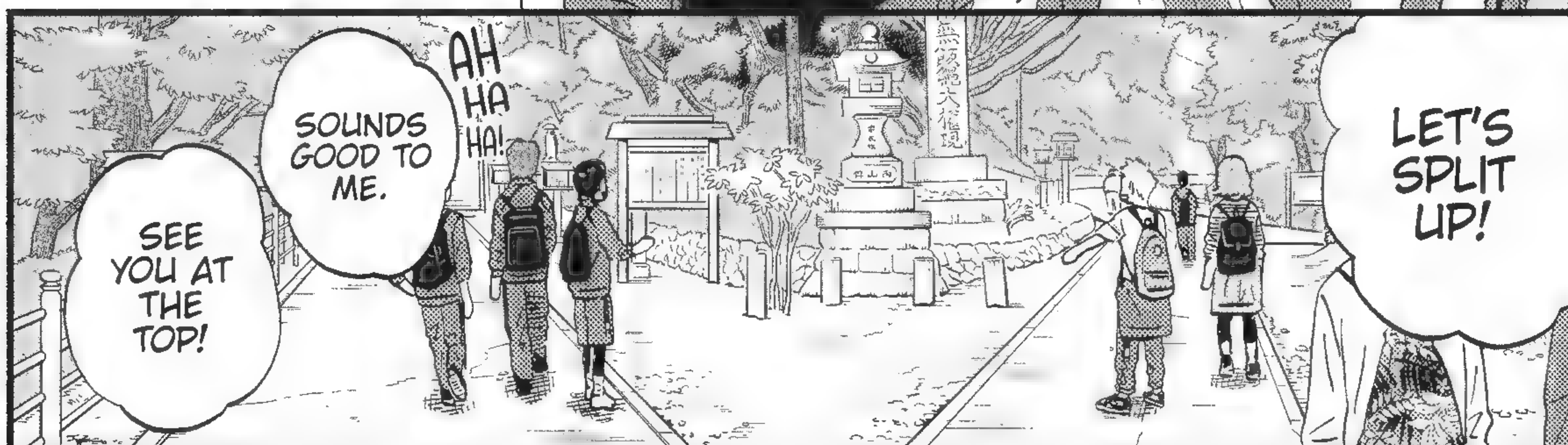
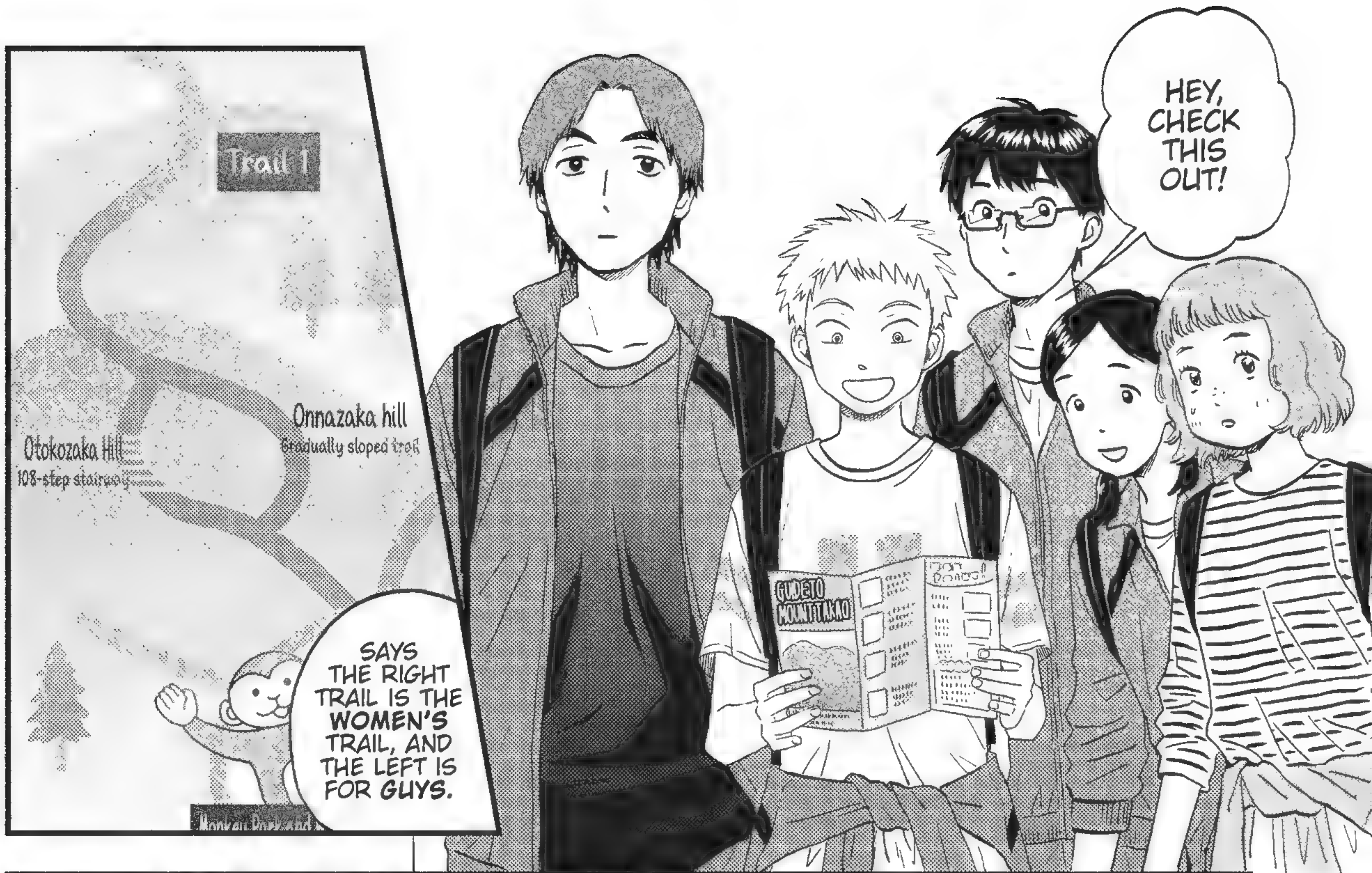
*A bad rep can't
outweigh how good
it feels to have a
guy thinking,
"They're all wrong.
Only I know how
great she is."*



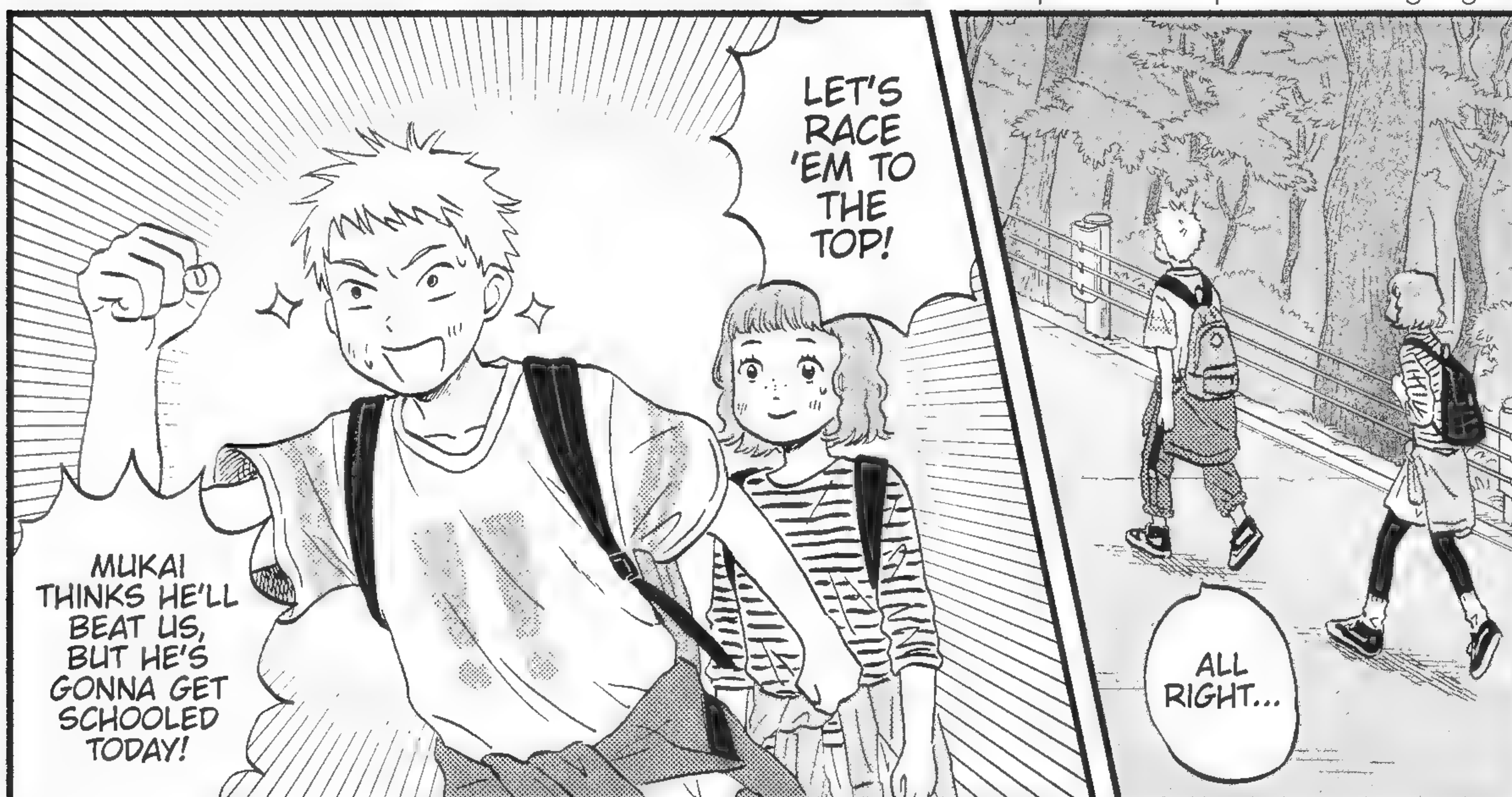
Plaque: For the donation of 10,000 cedar saplings

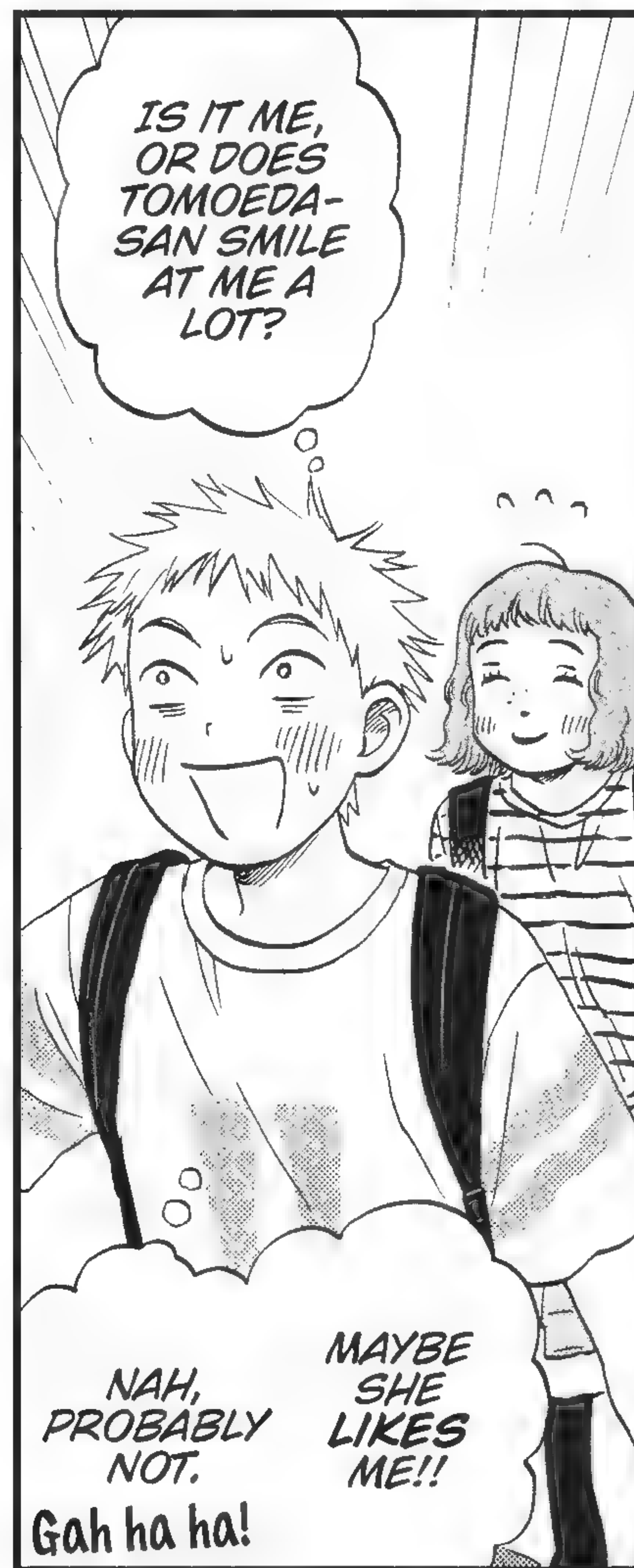
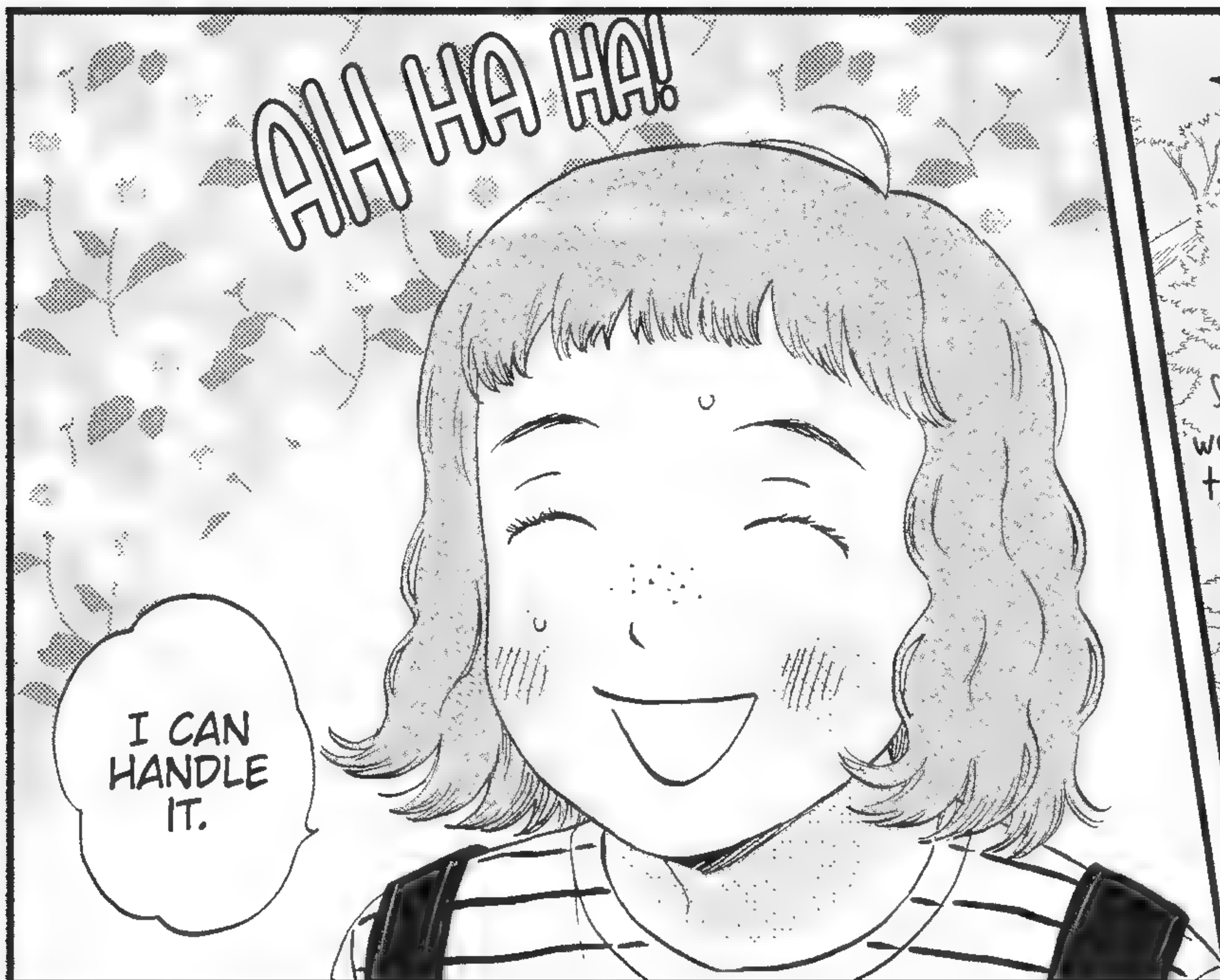


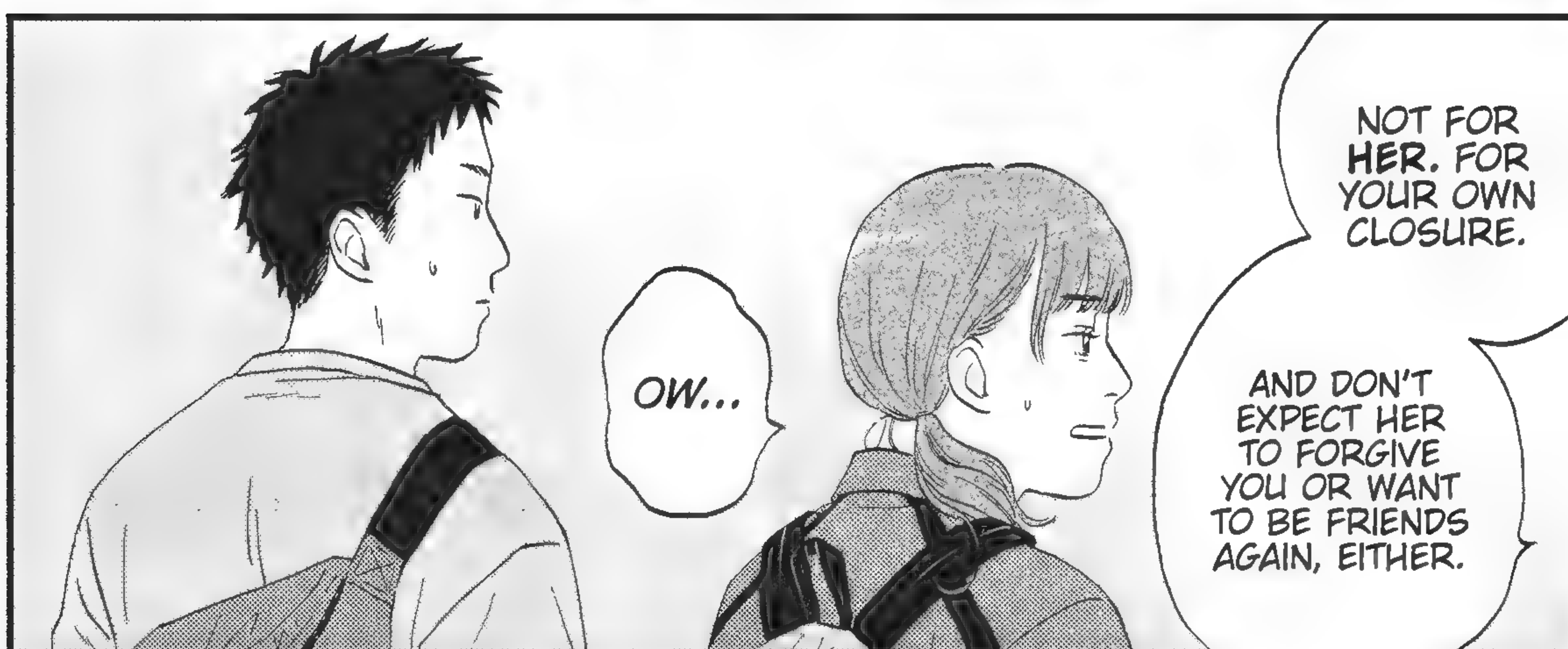
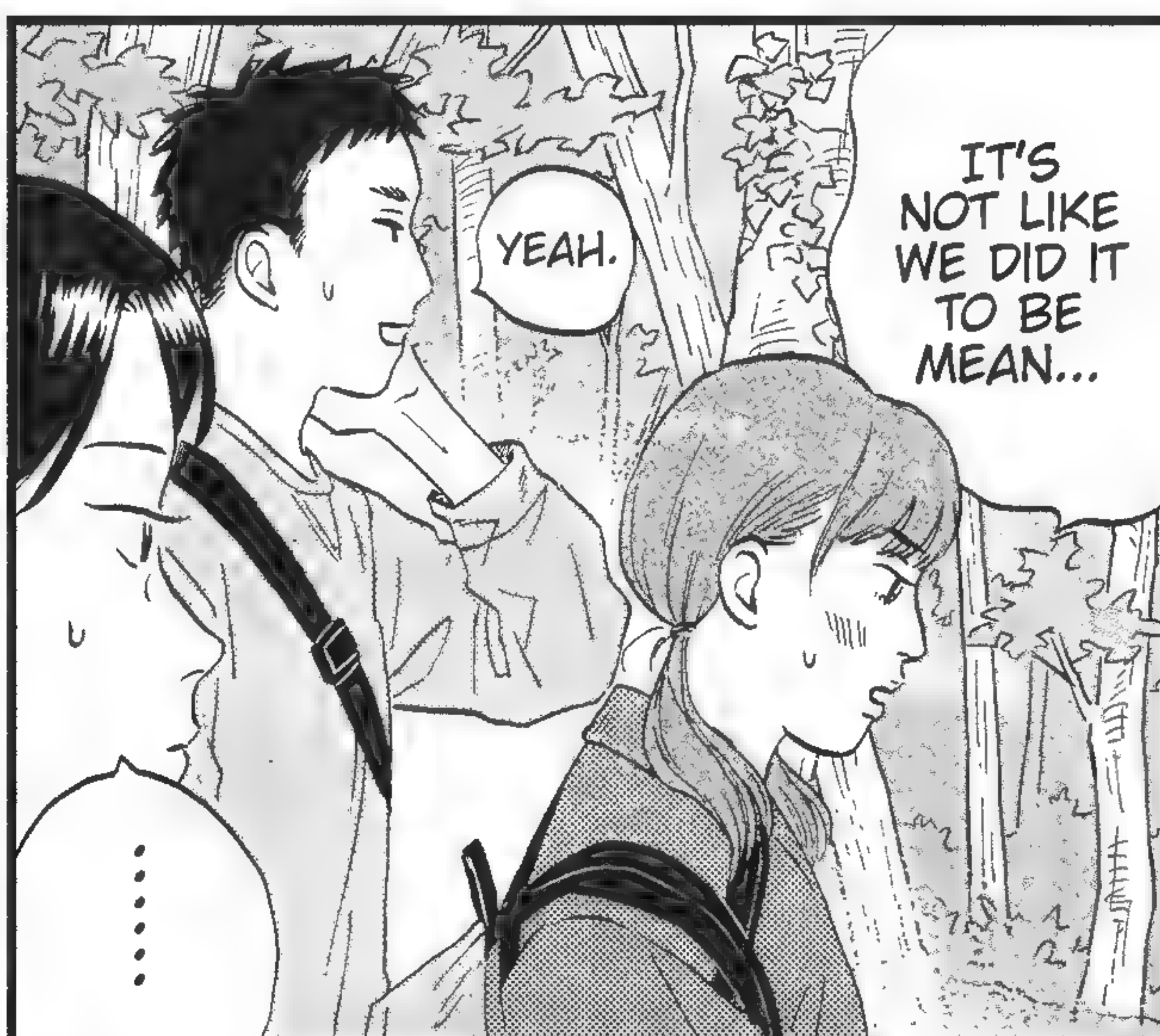


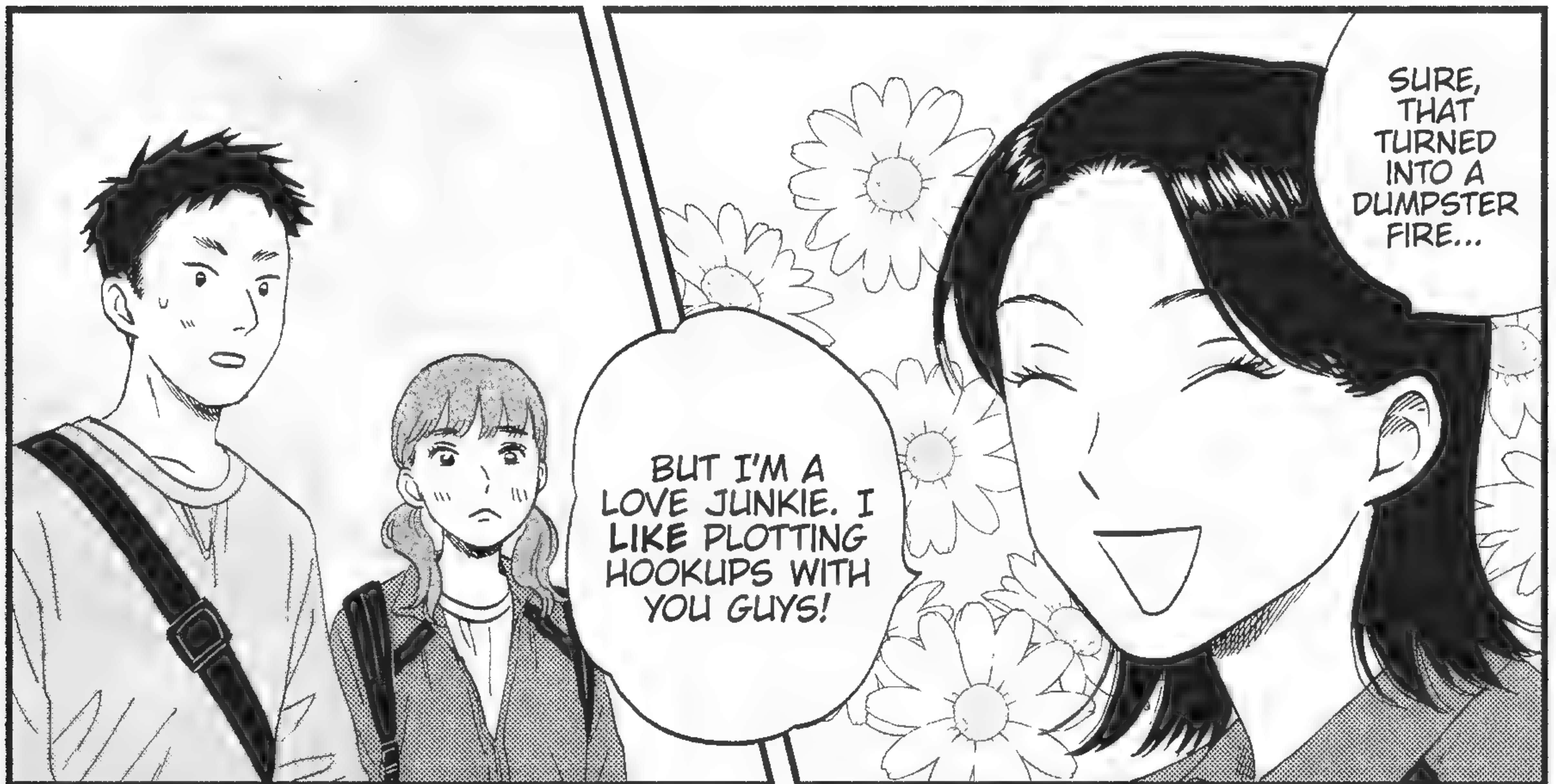
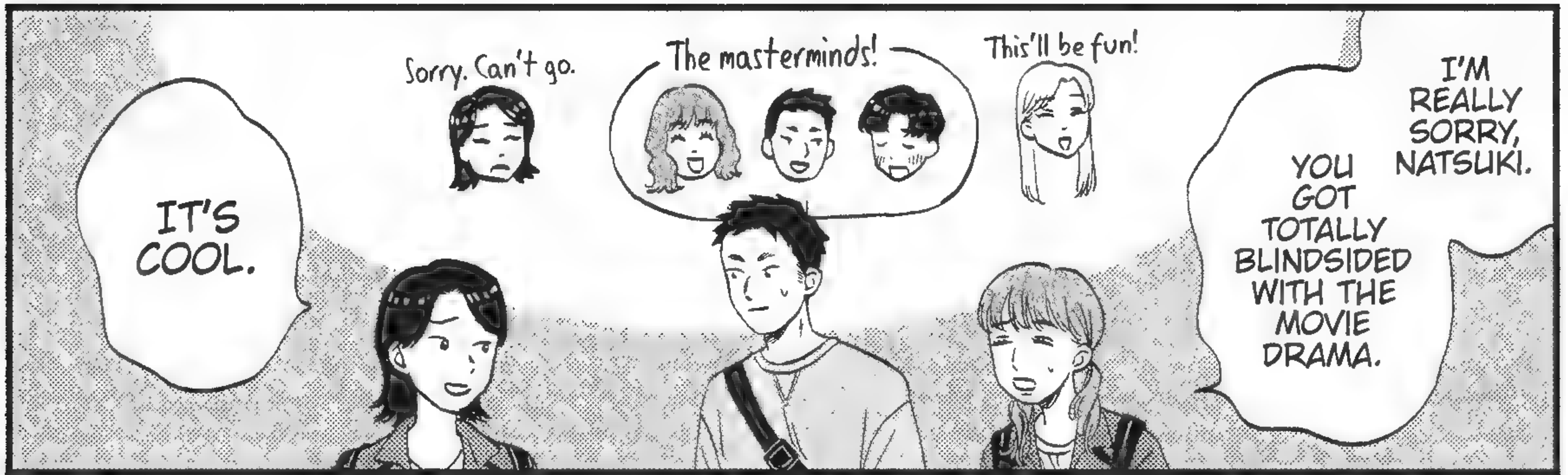


Plaque: In worship of Izuna Daigongen.



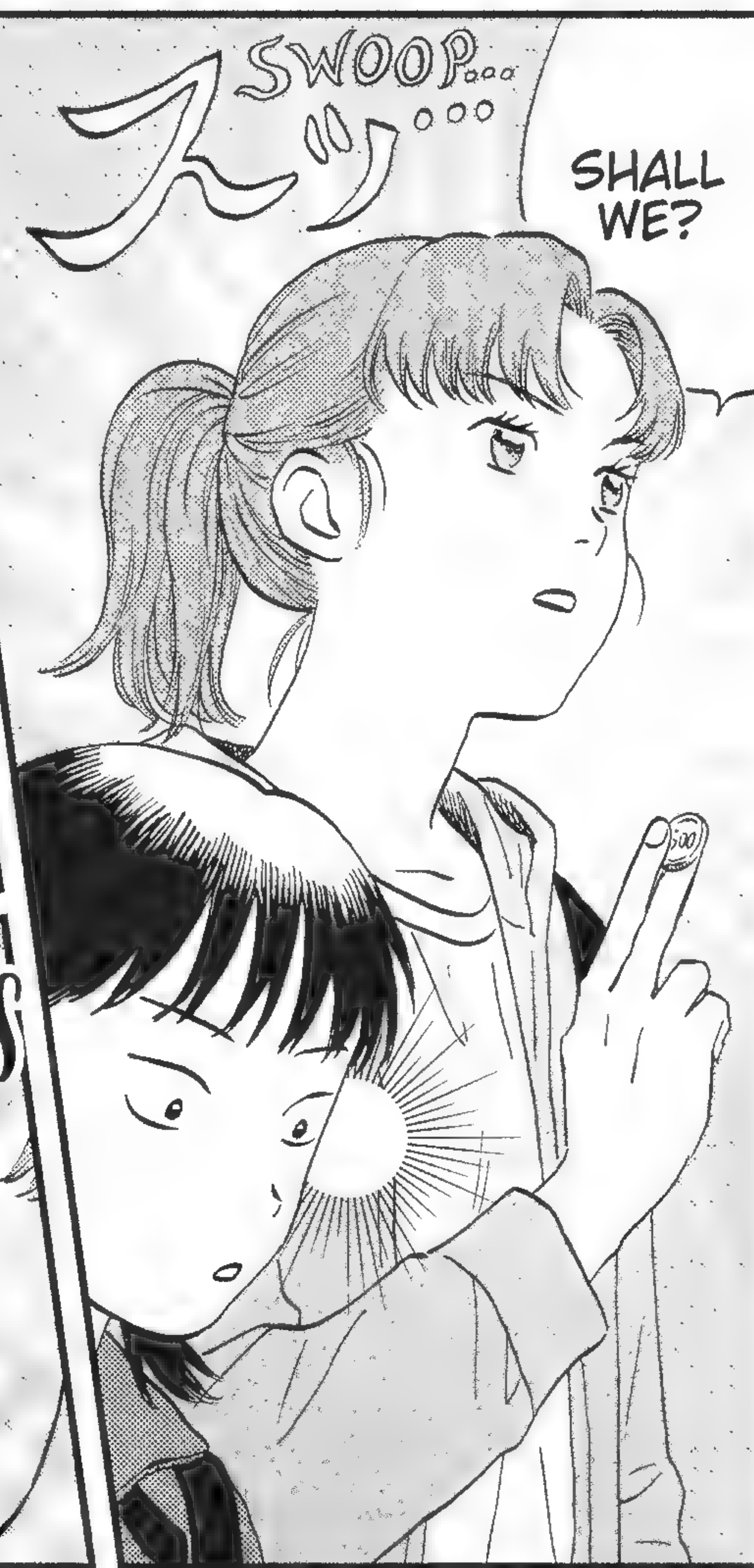
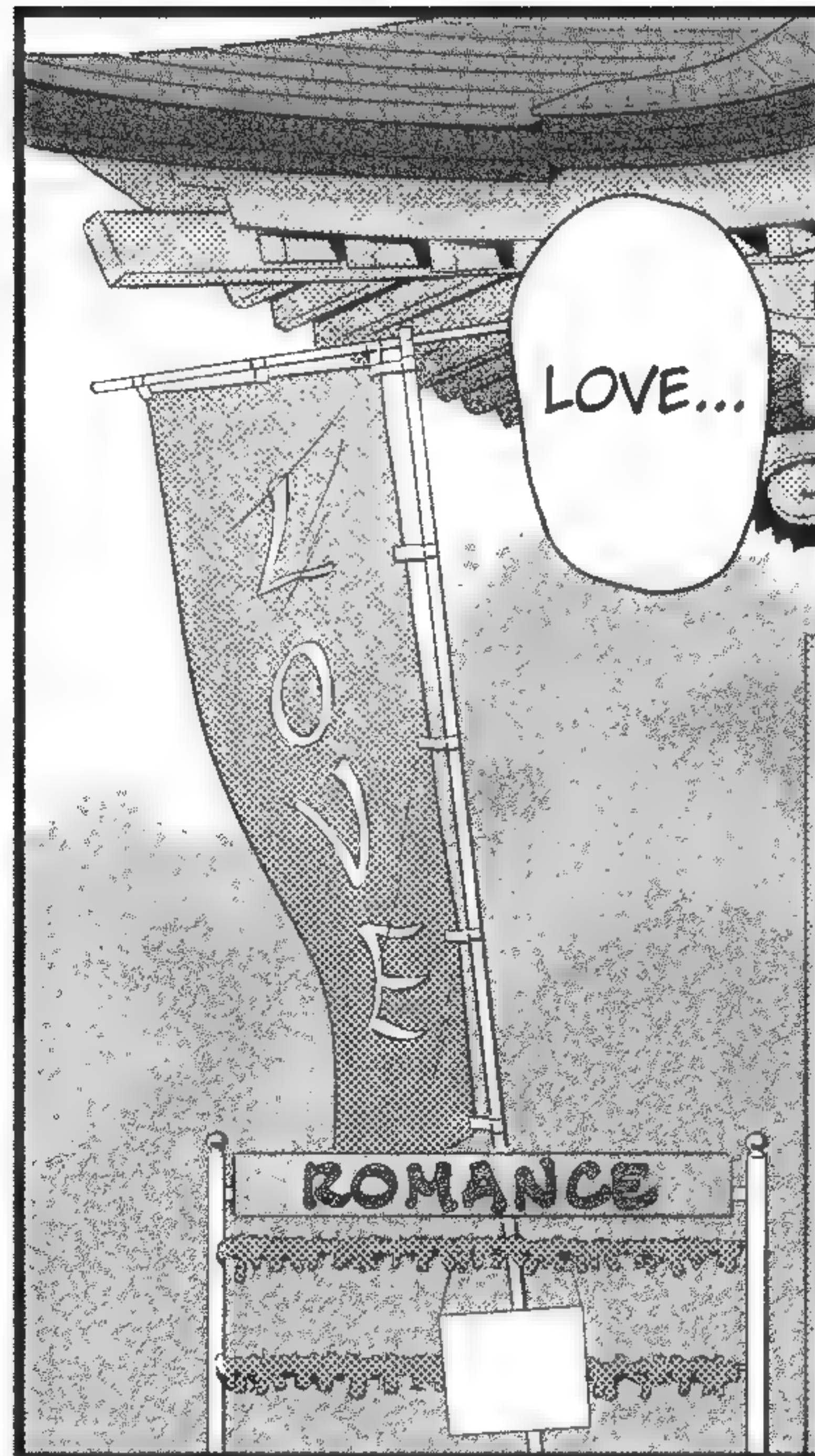




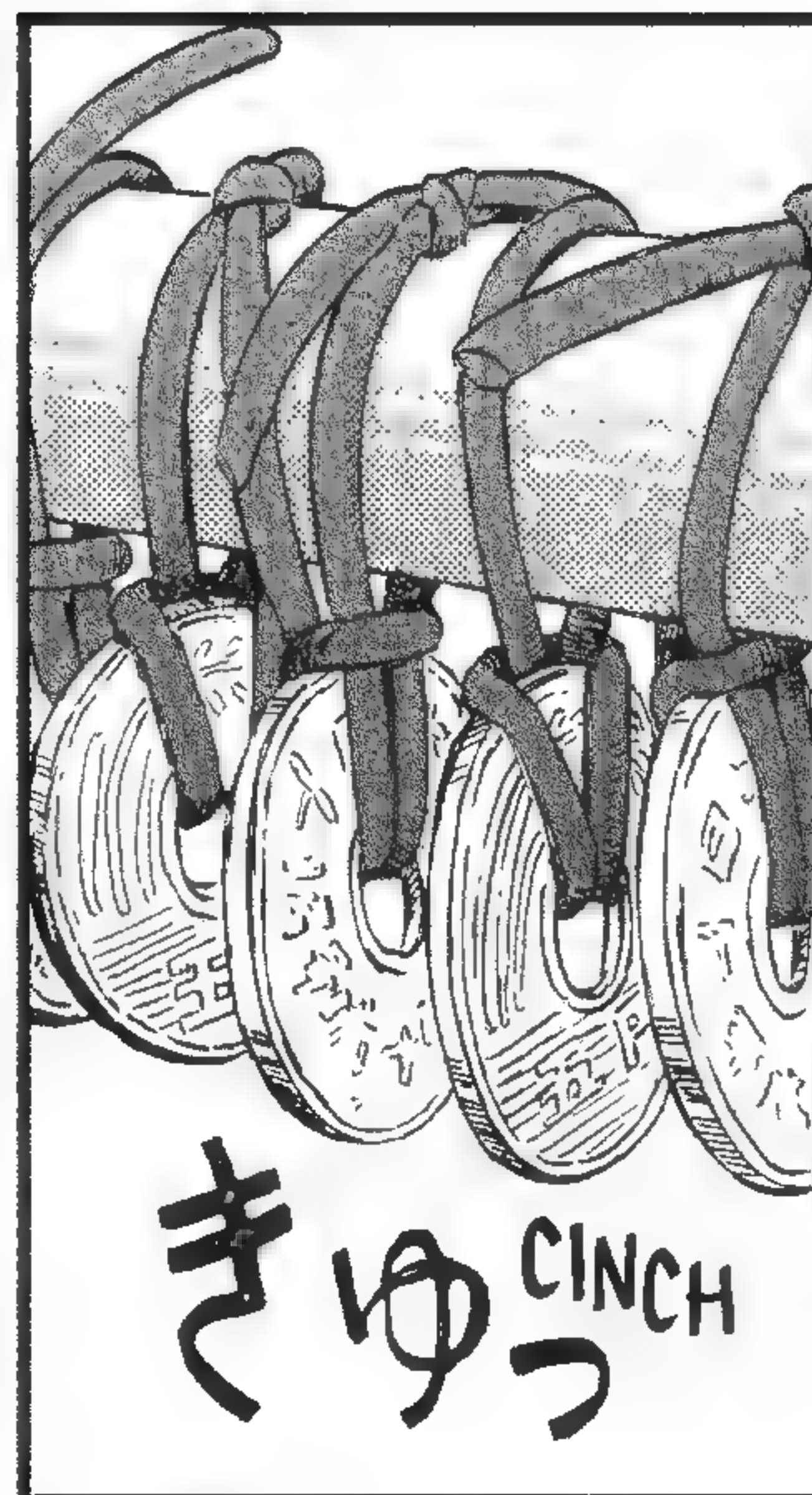
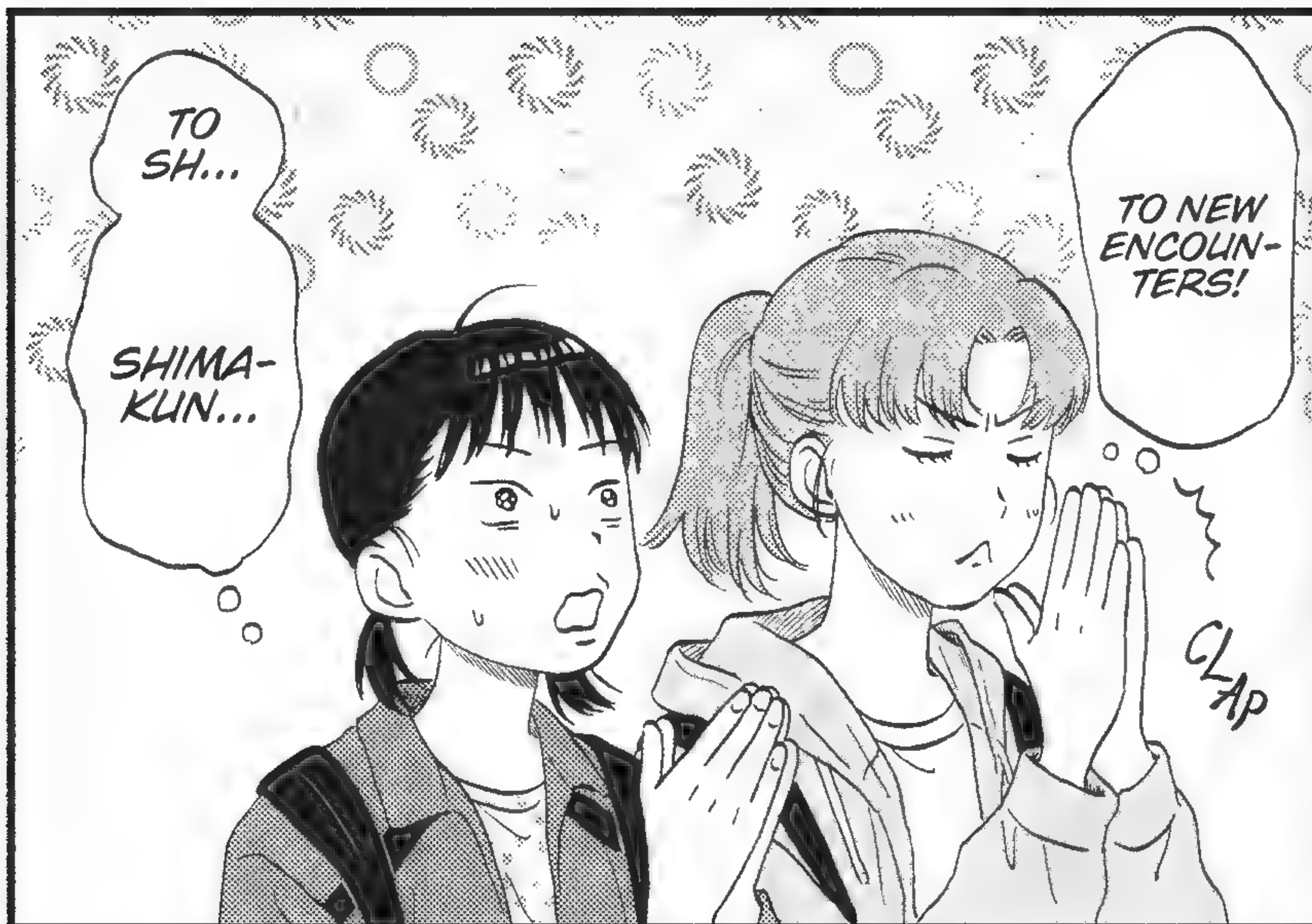


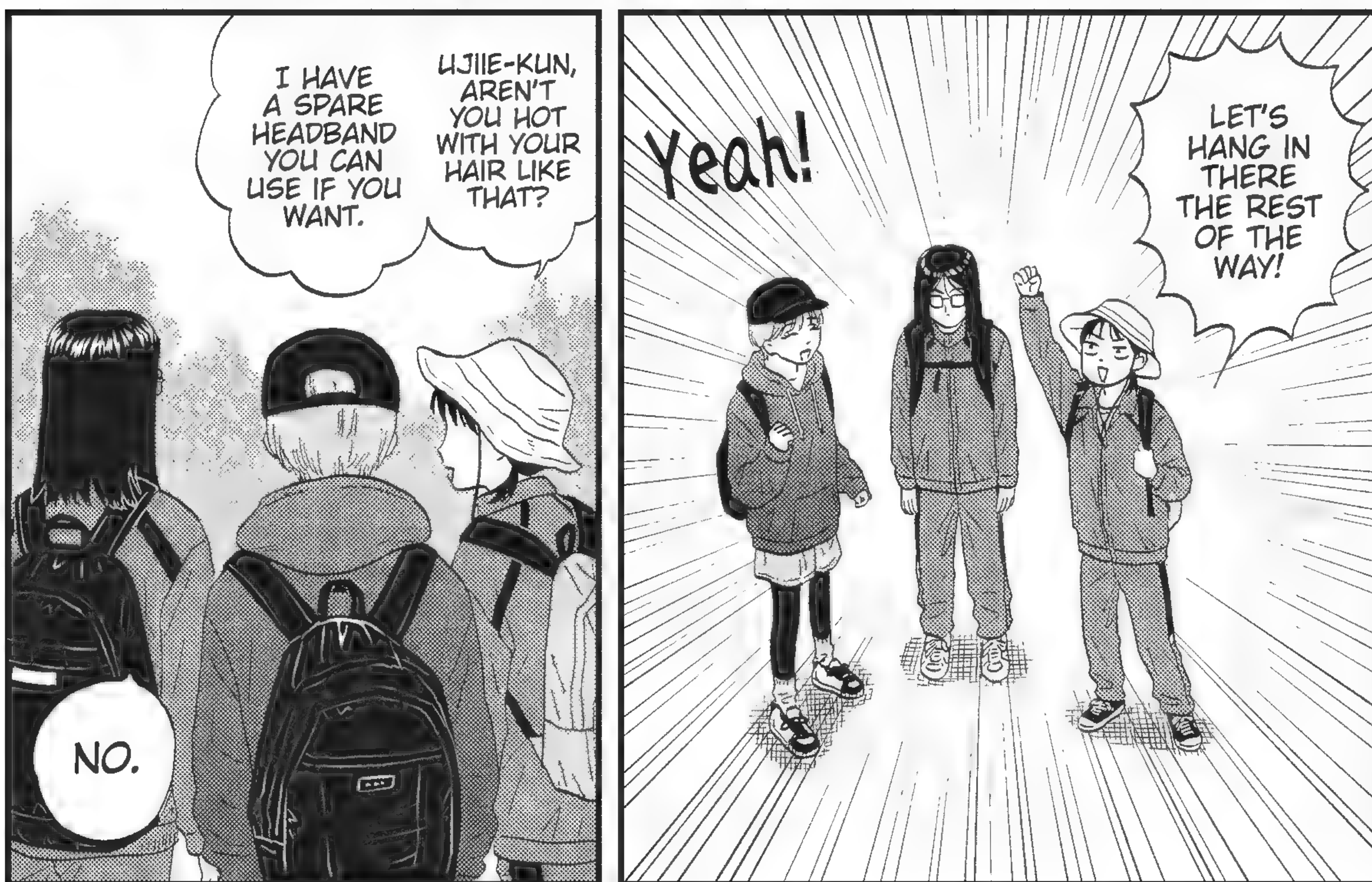
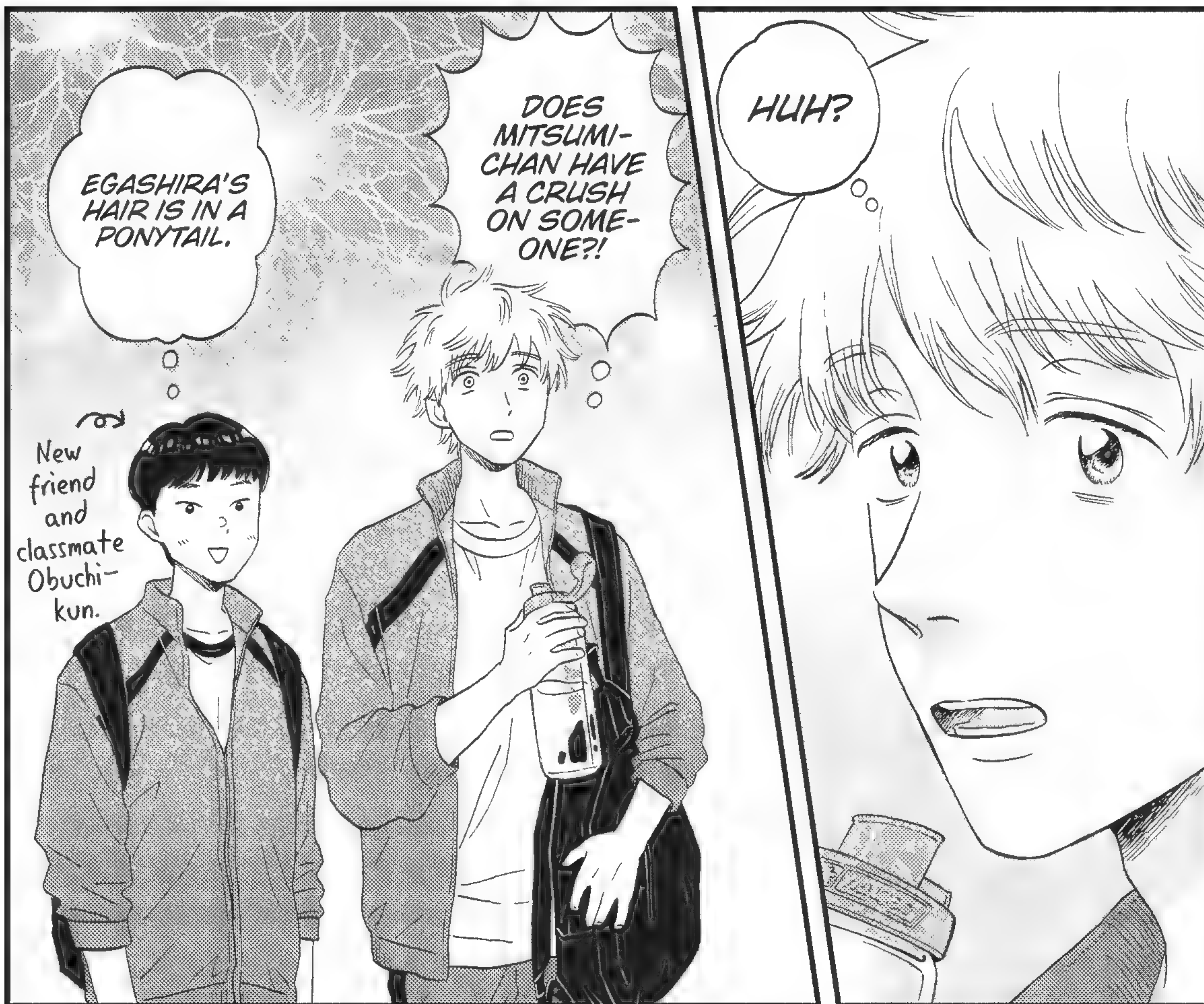


EVERY-ONE'S PRAYING FOR LOVE!

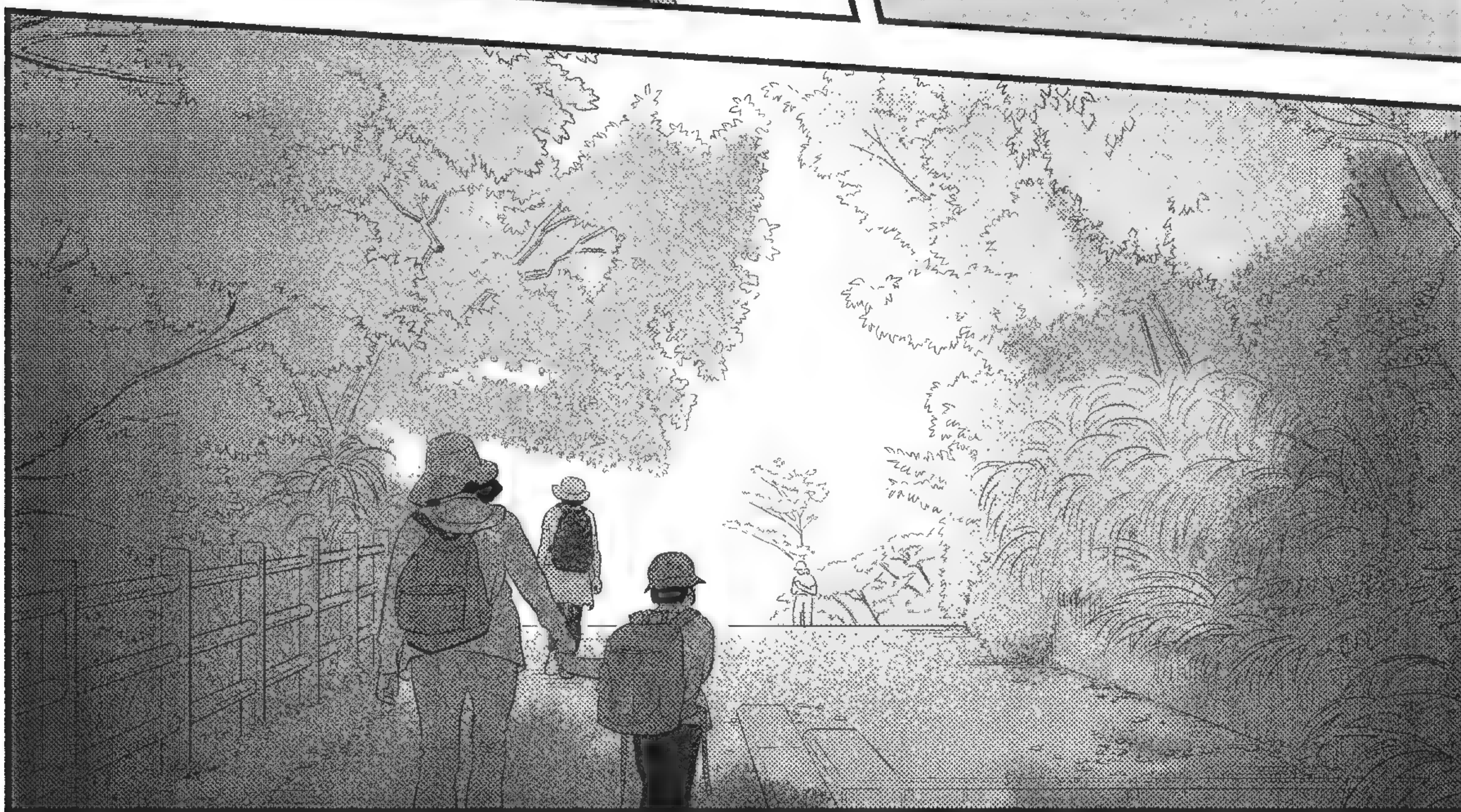
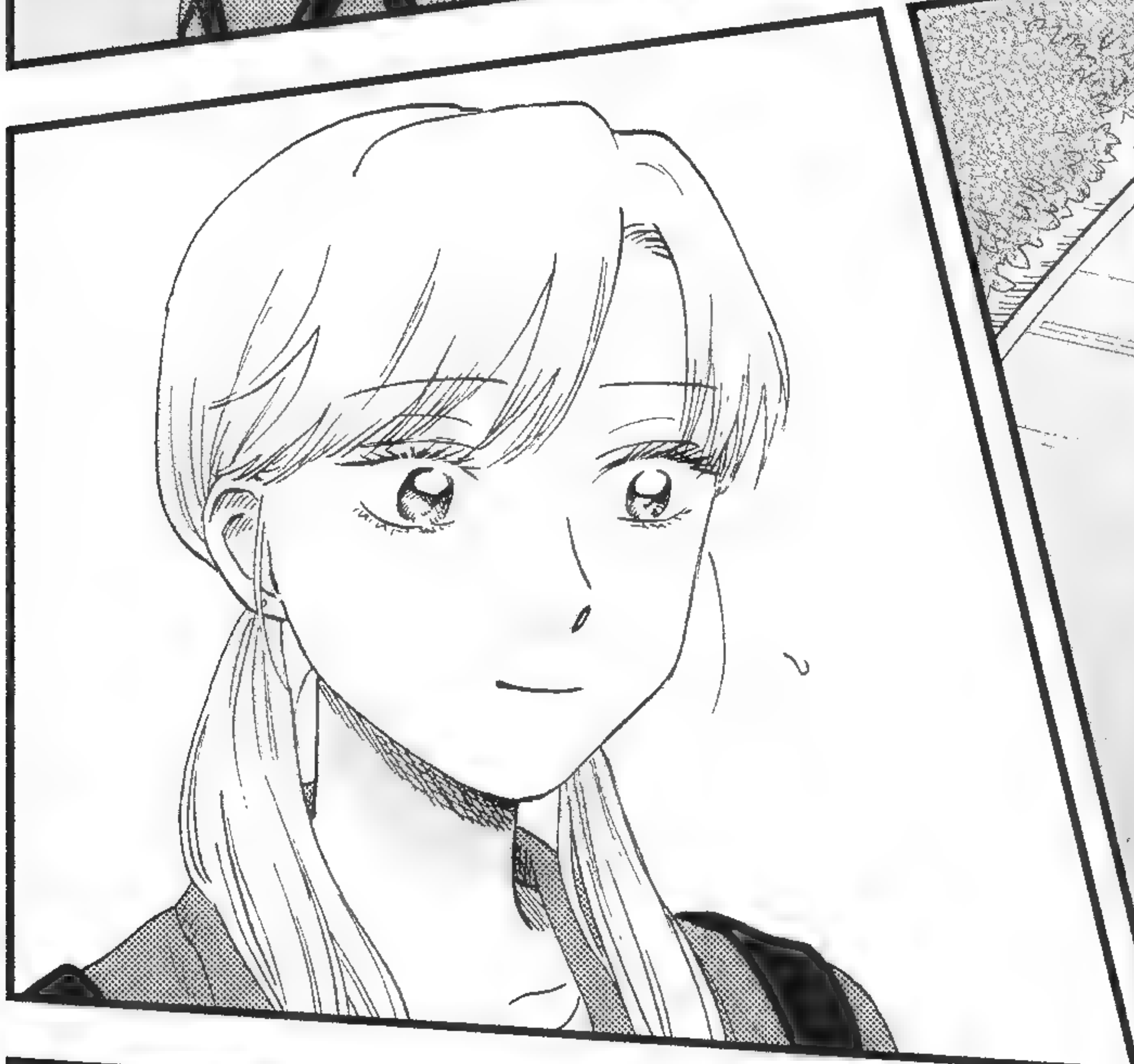
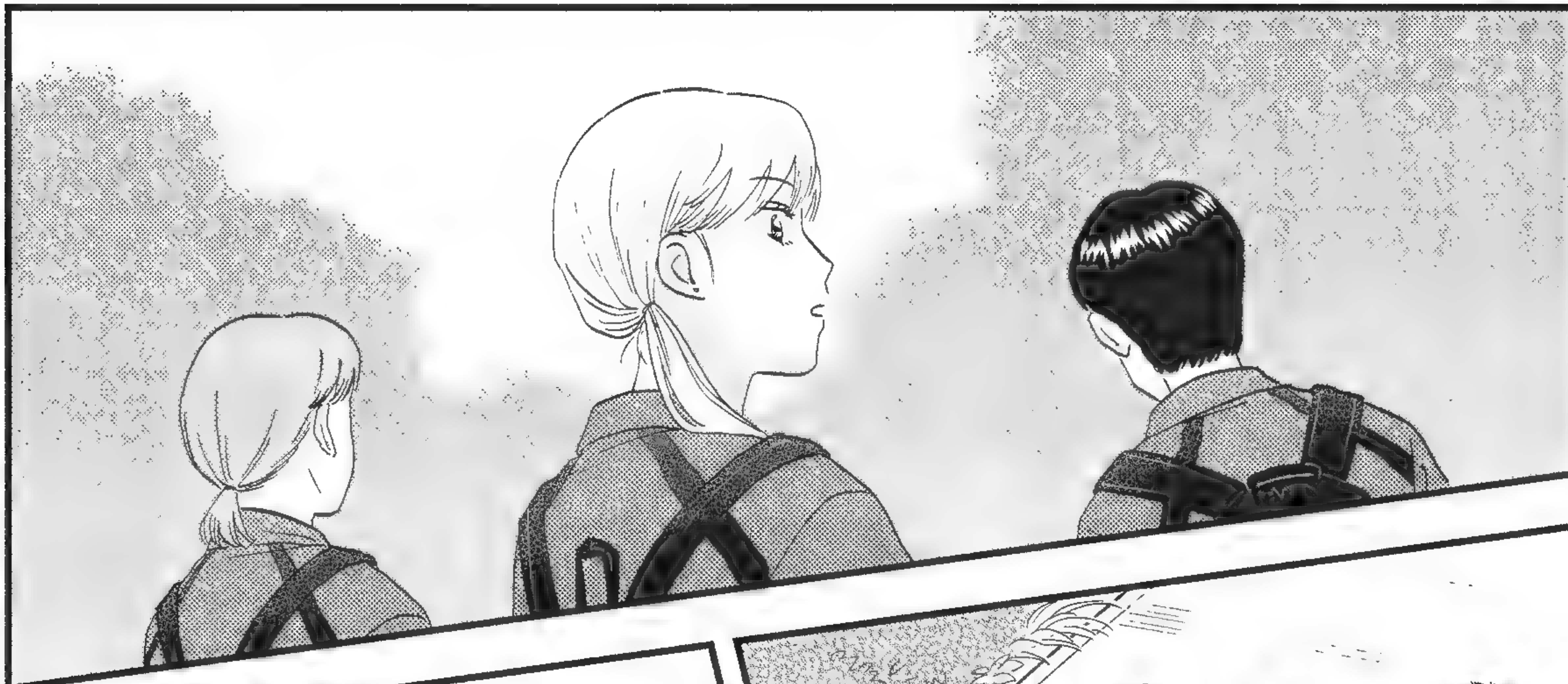


what girls do, after all. This is







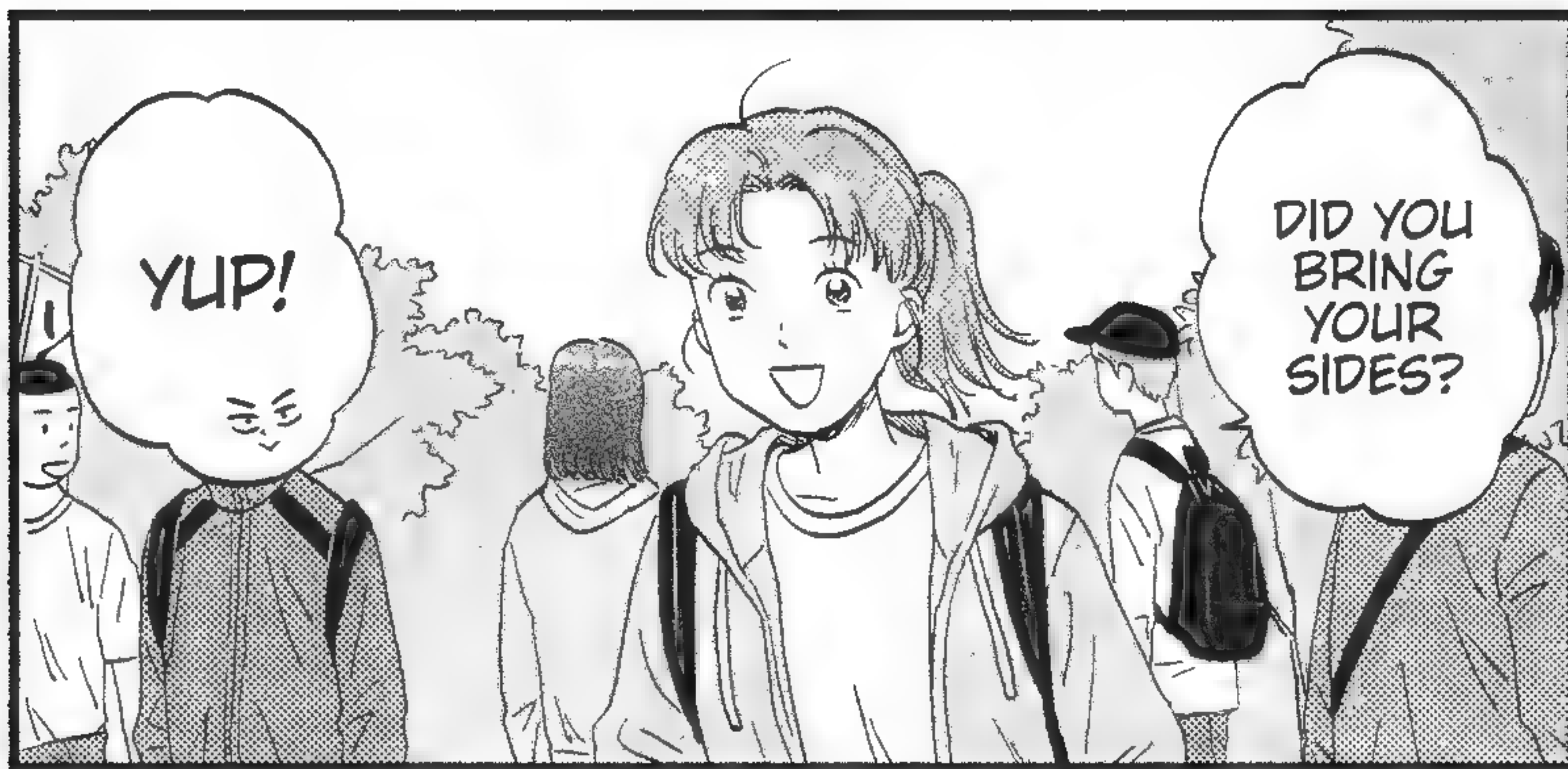


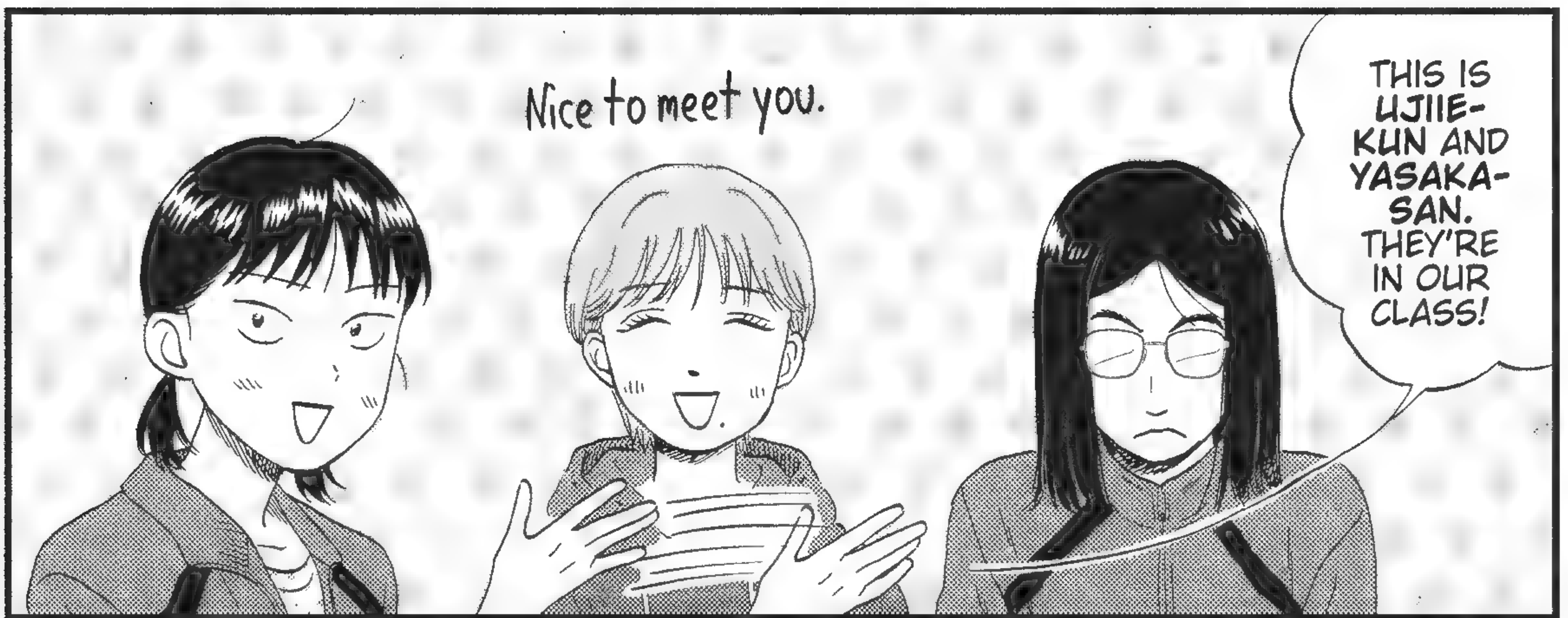
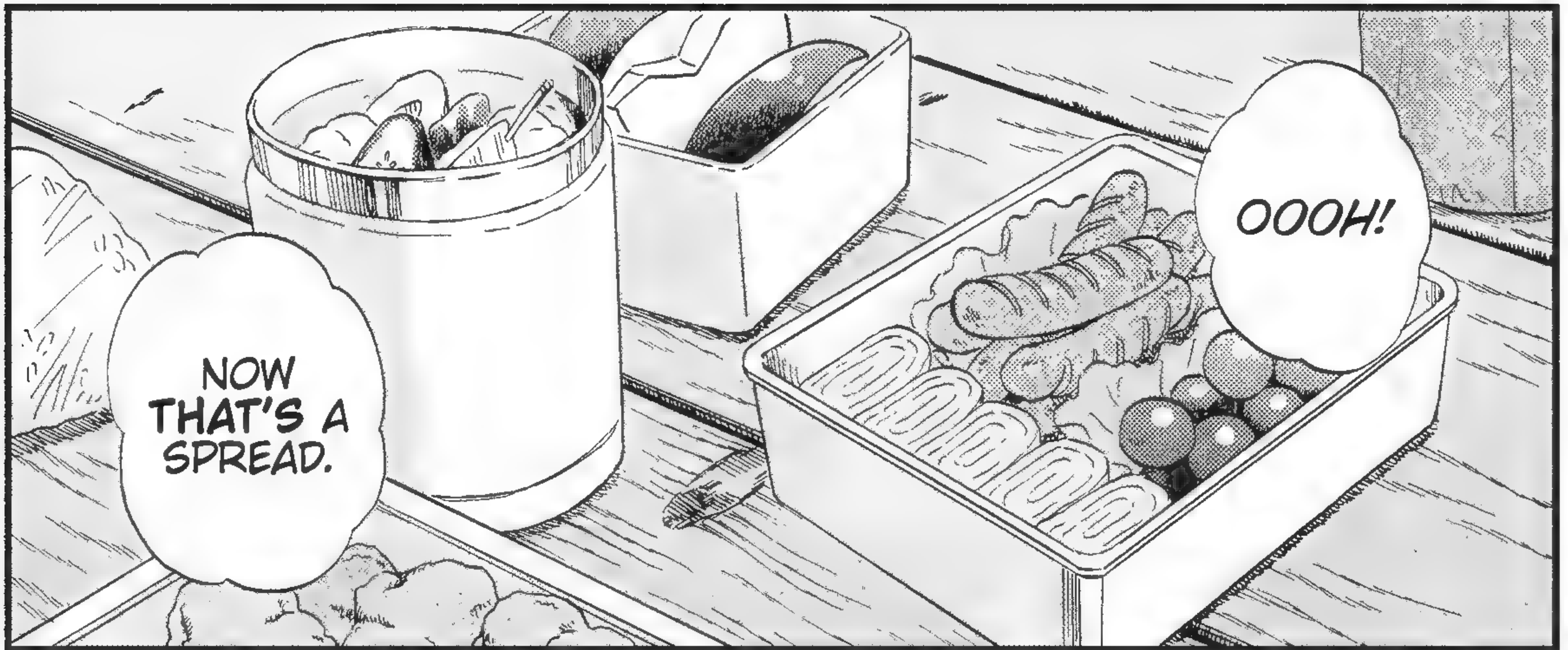


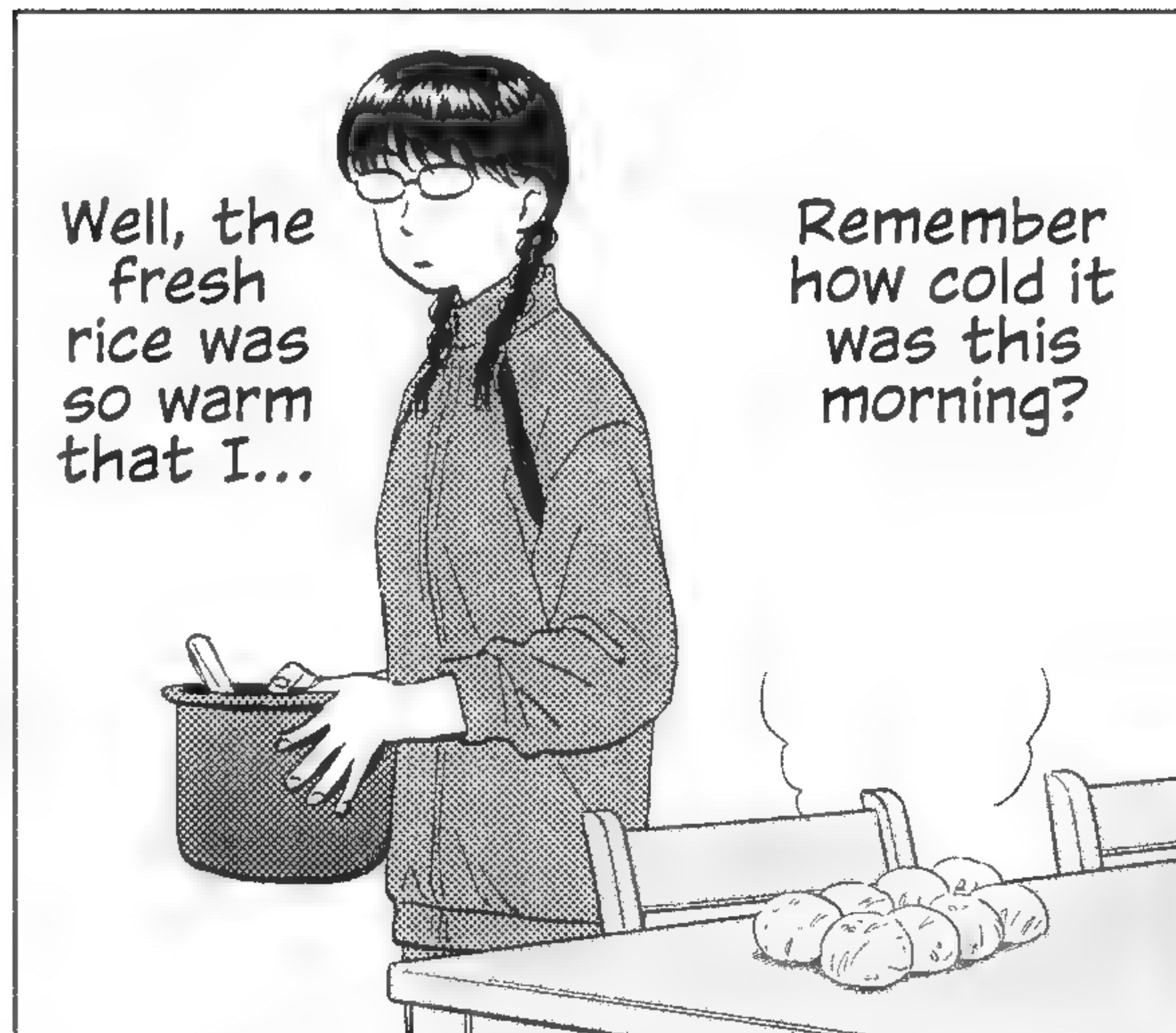
WOOOOW!

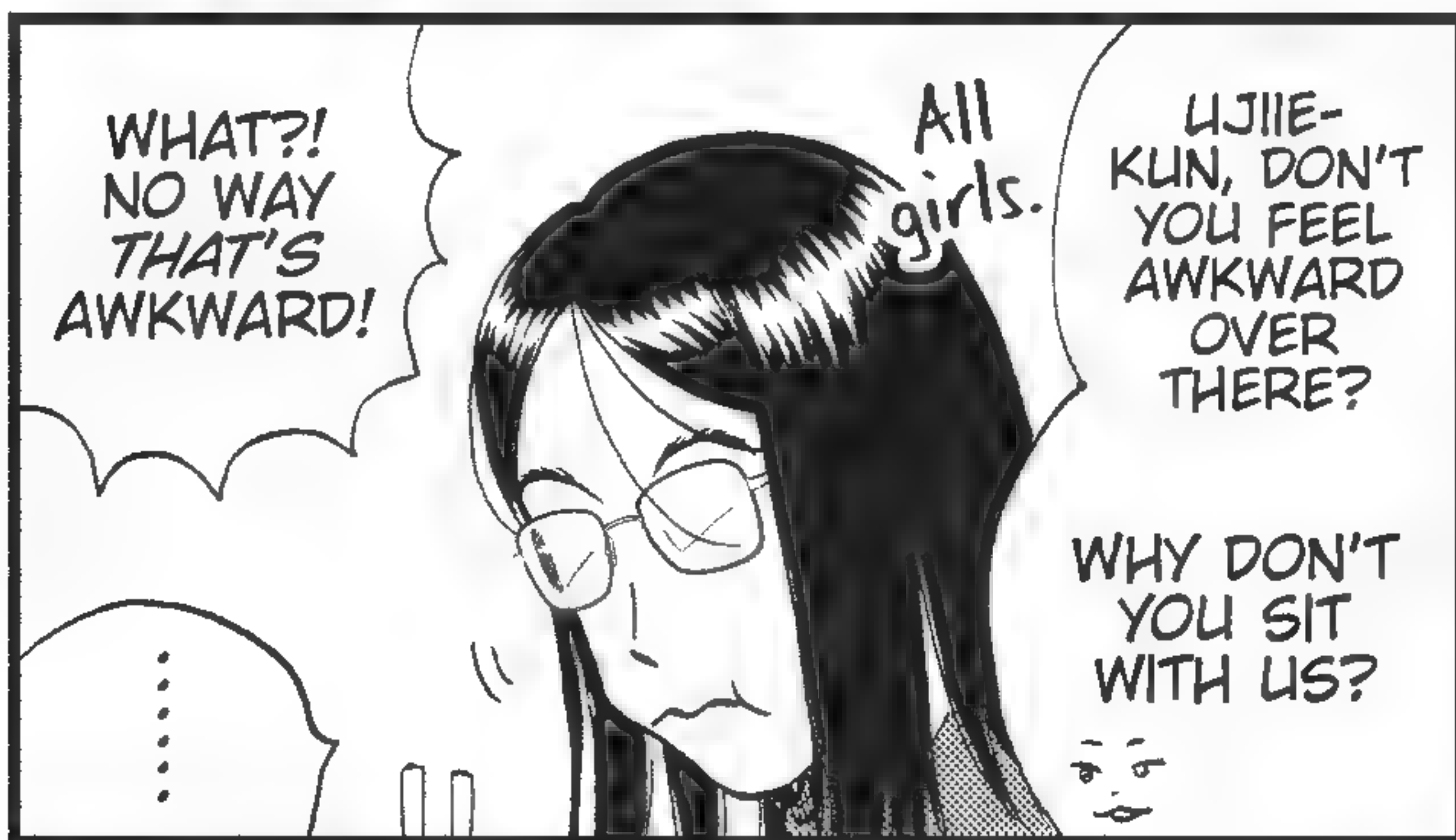
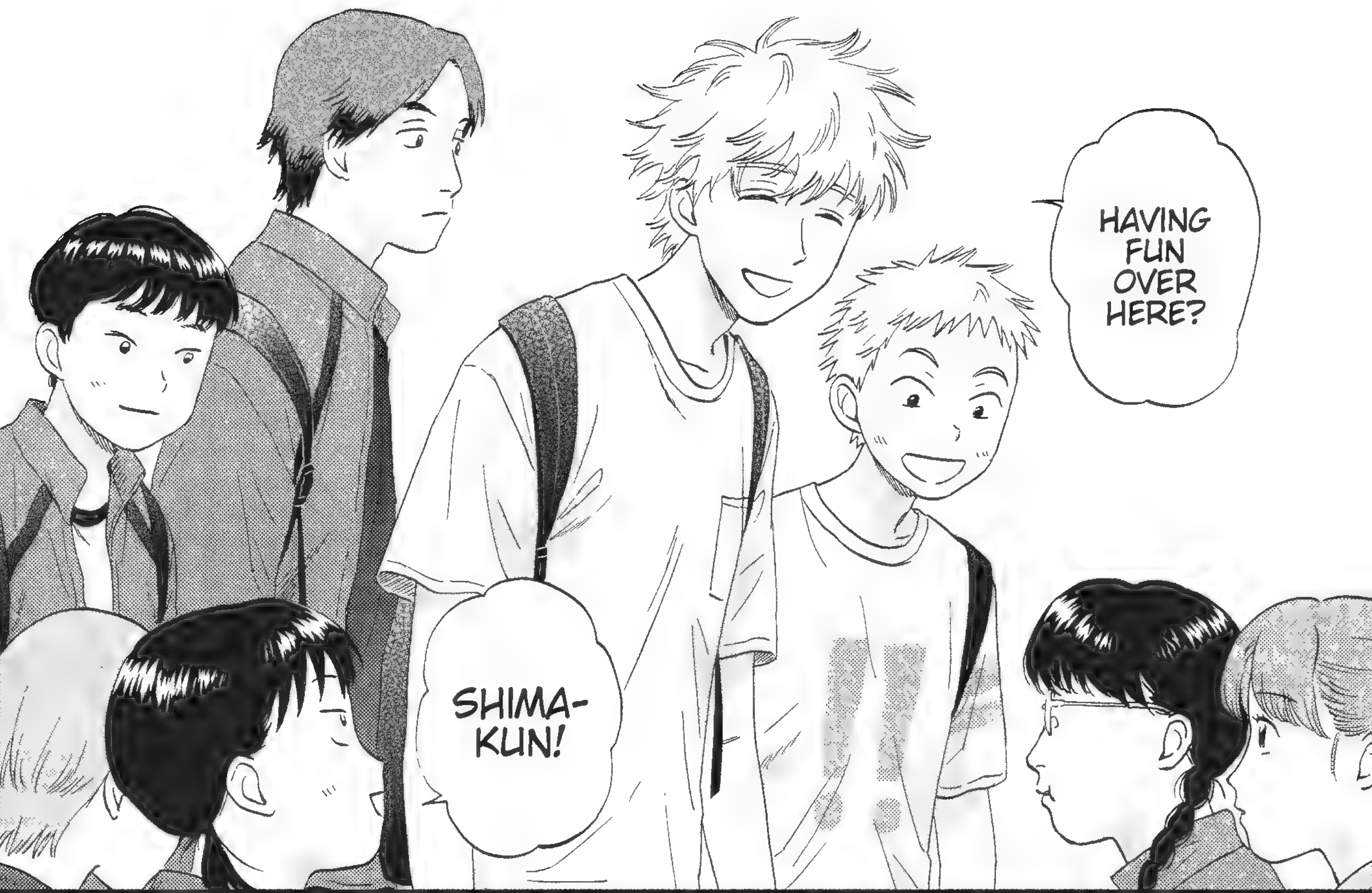
Sign: Mount Takao Summit









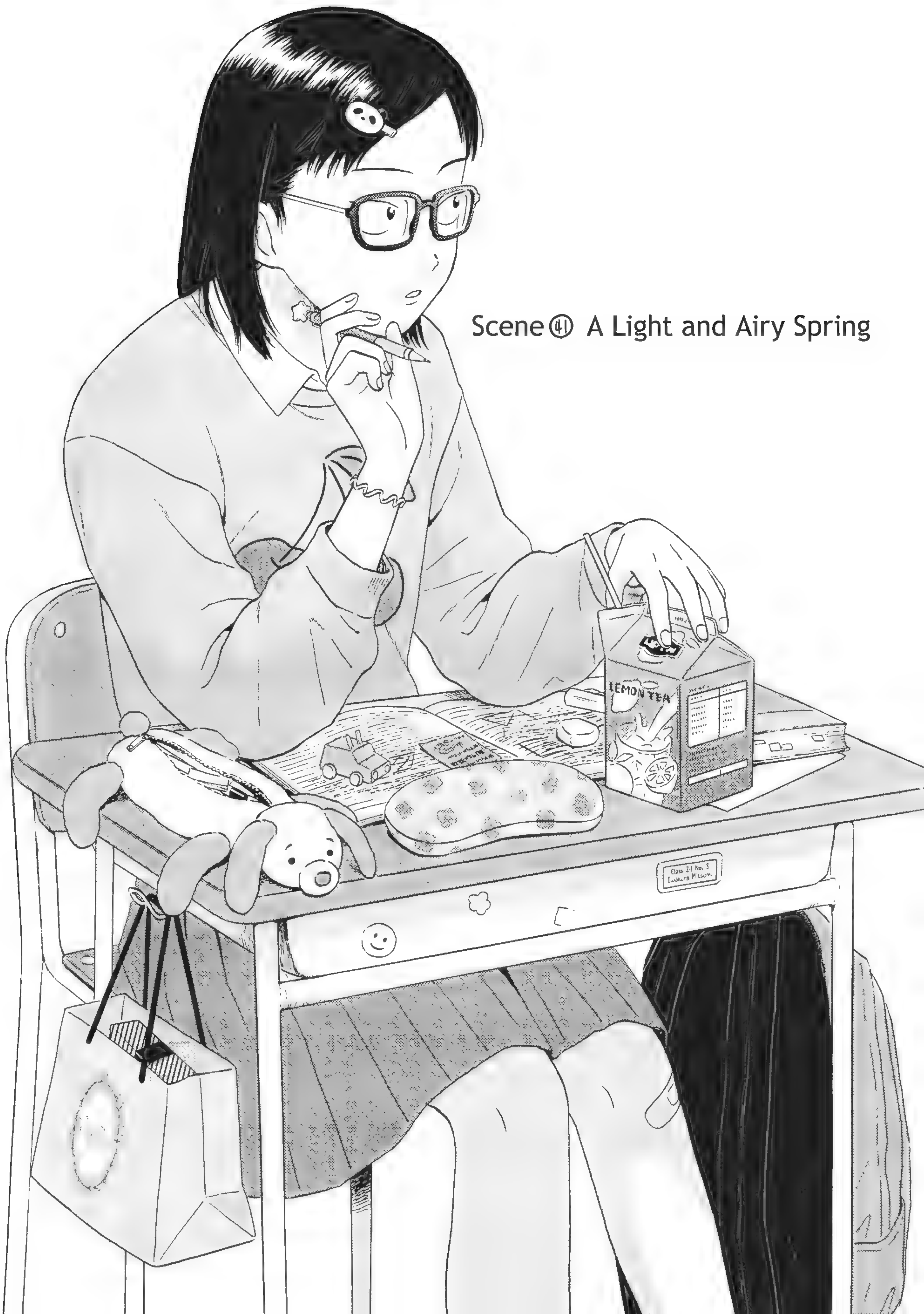


HEY,
LOOK! YOU
CAN ALMOST
SEE MOUNT
FUJI IN THE
DISTANCE!

YOU
SURE CAN!
WE COULDN'T
SEE IT A
LITTLE WHILE
AGO.

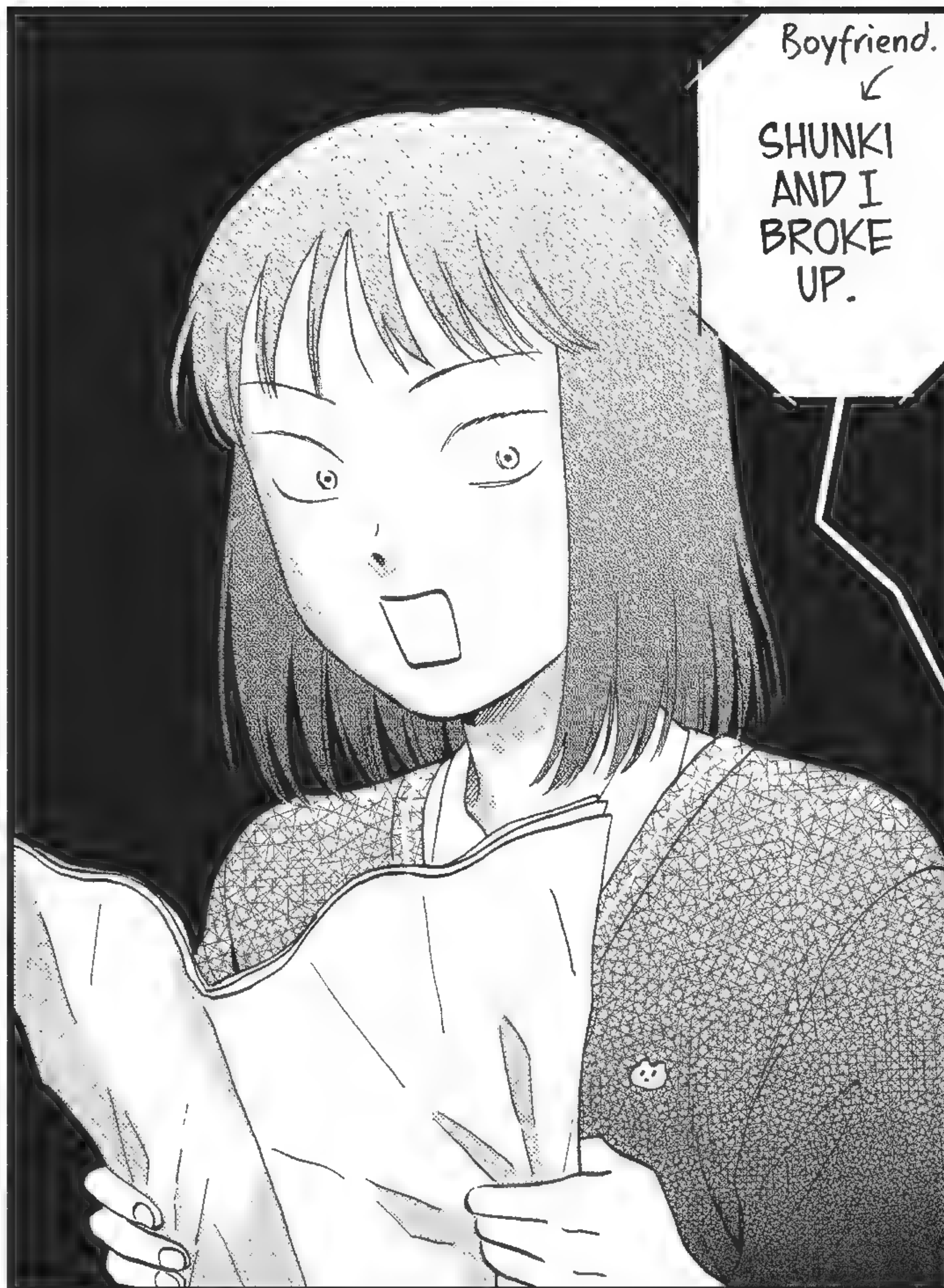
HELLOOO?
HURRY IT
UP.

EVERY-
BODY LINE
UP SO I
CAN TAKE
A PIC~!



Scene ④ A Light and Airy Spring

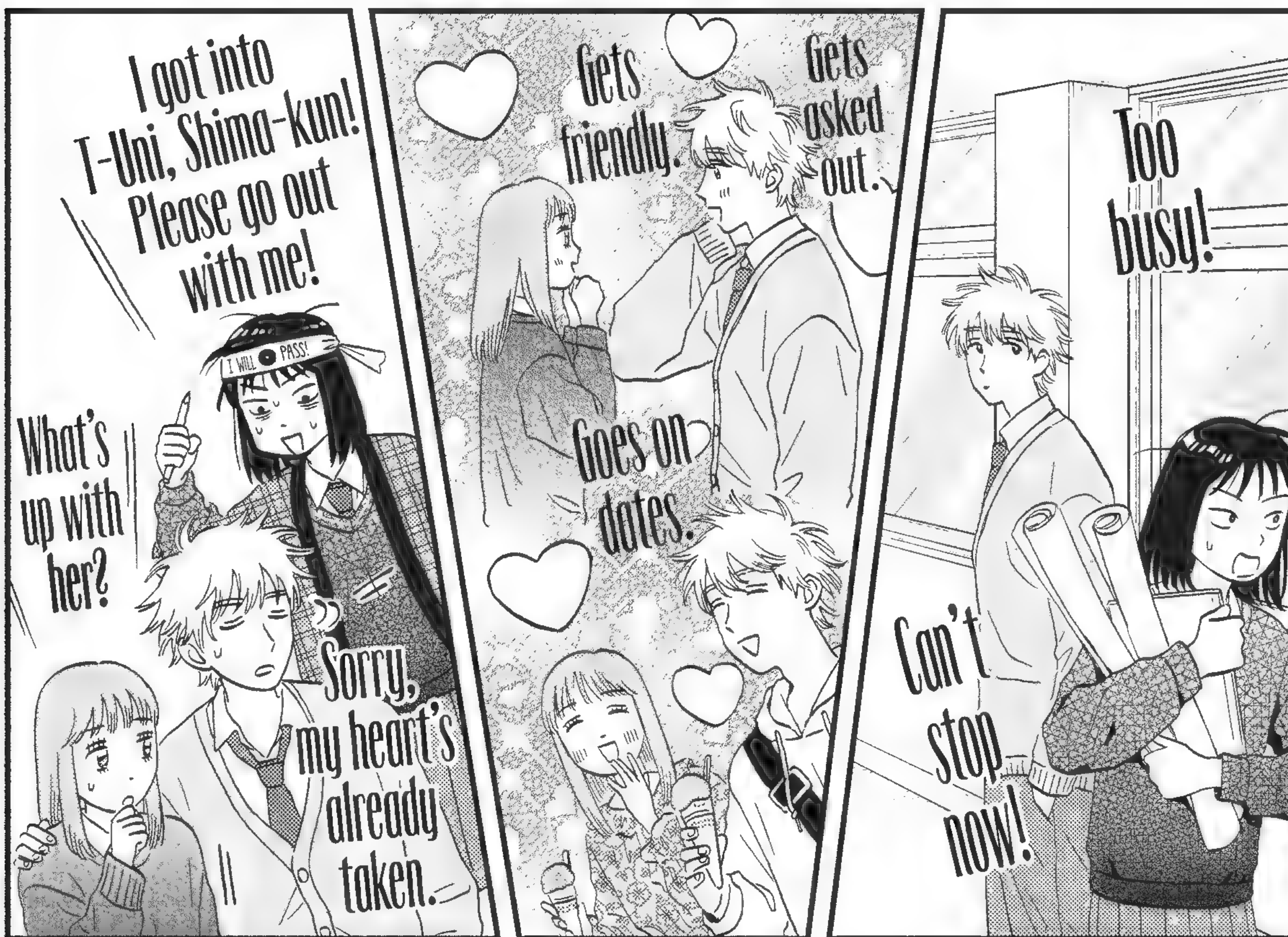




※Darn tootin': You're totally right.





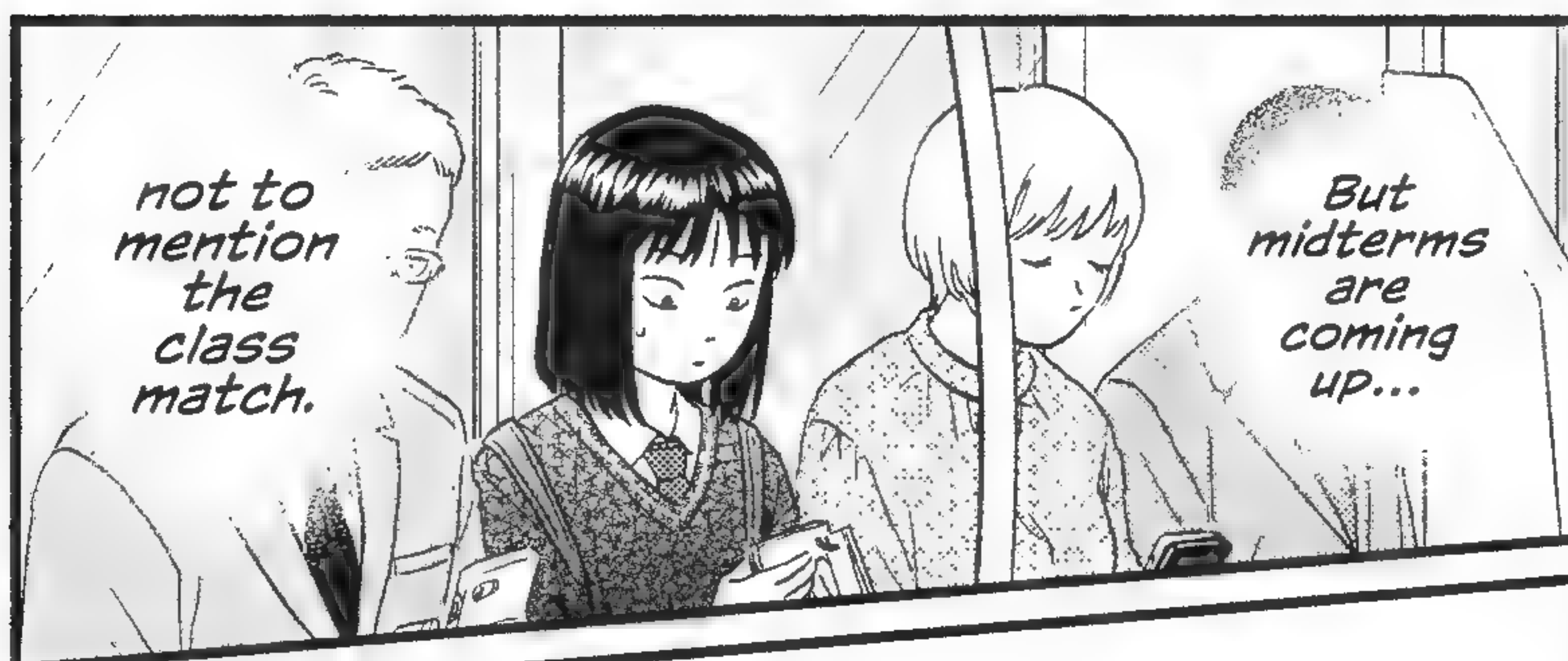




No,
that'd
reeeally
bother
me!

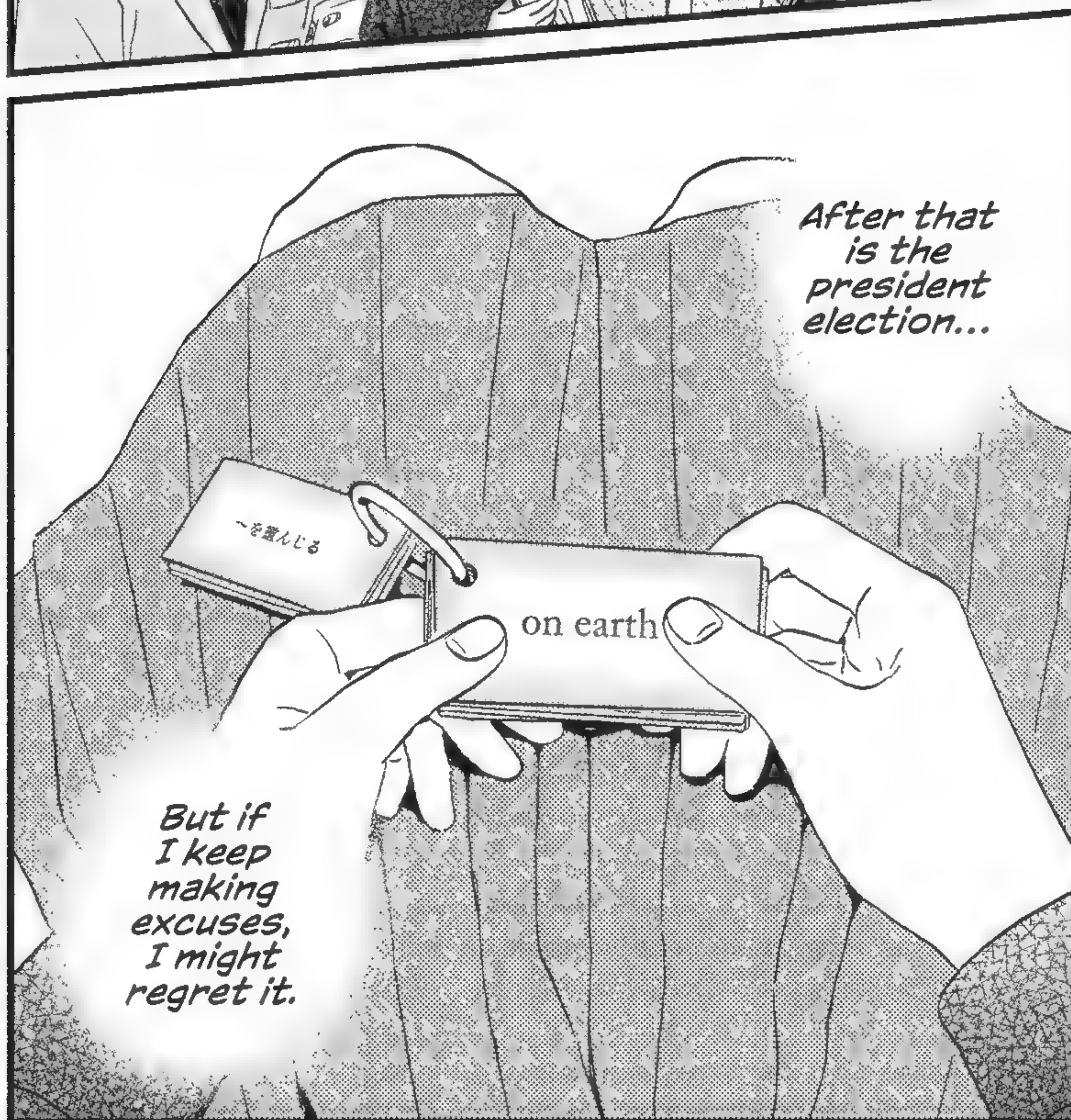
That...
might
bother
me.

I'd be
devas-
tated!



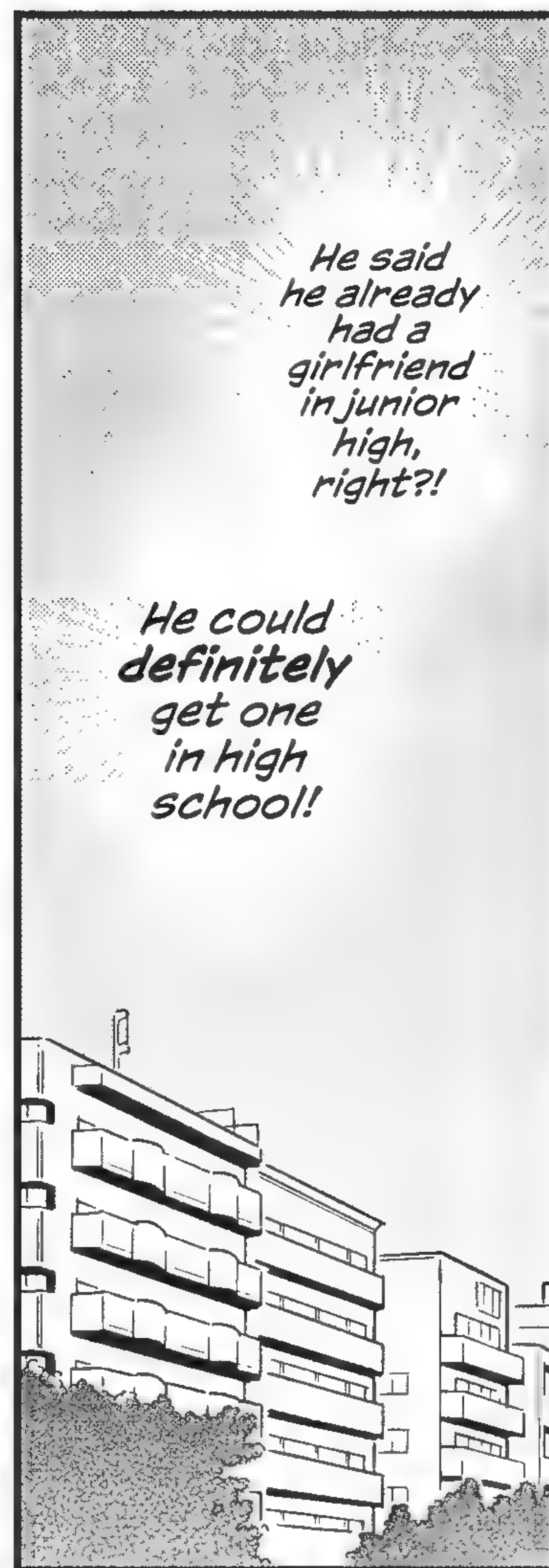
not to
mention
the
class
match.

But
midterms
are
coming
up...



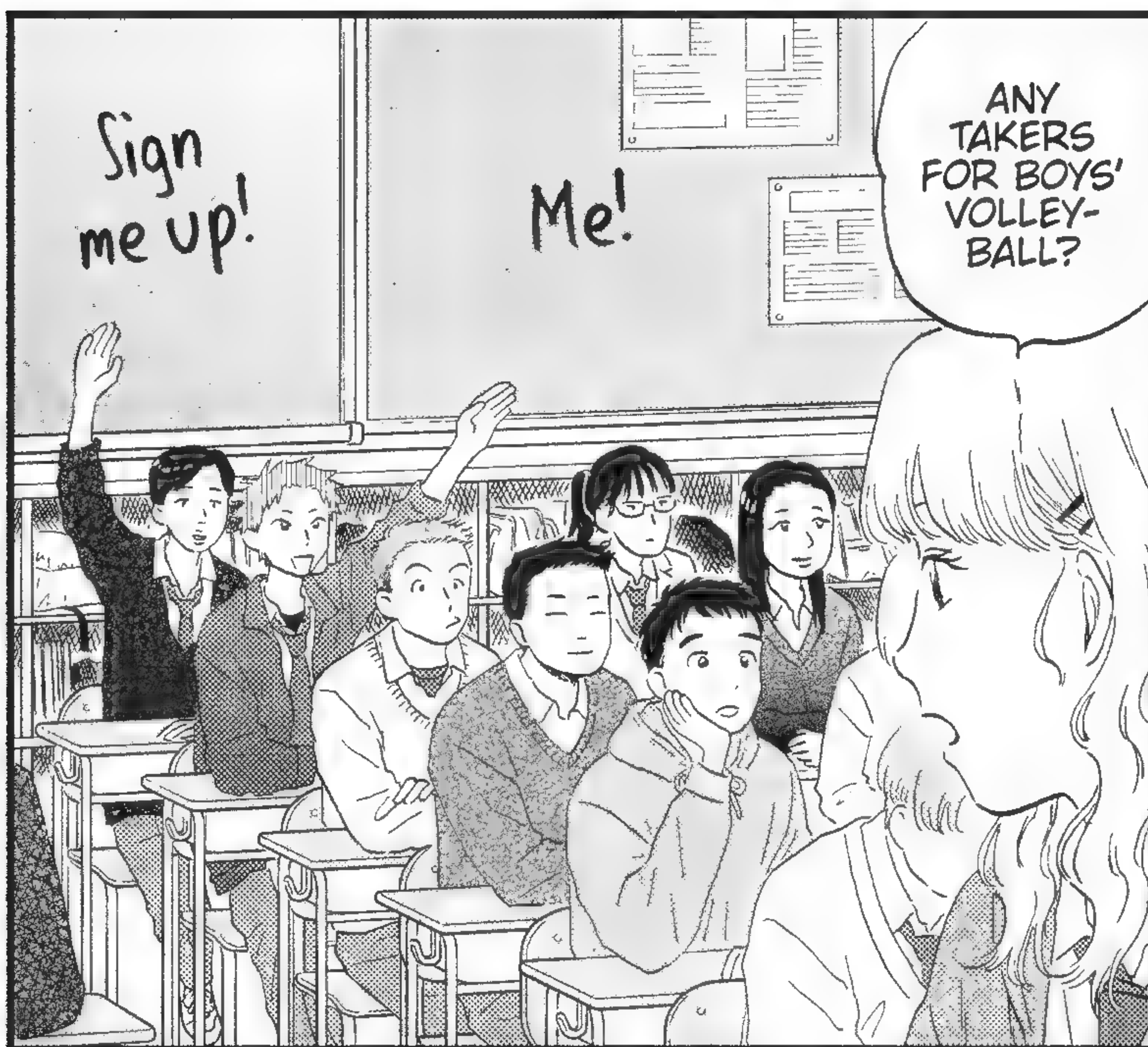
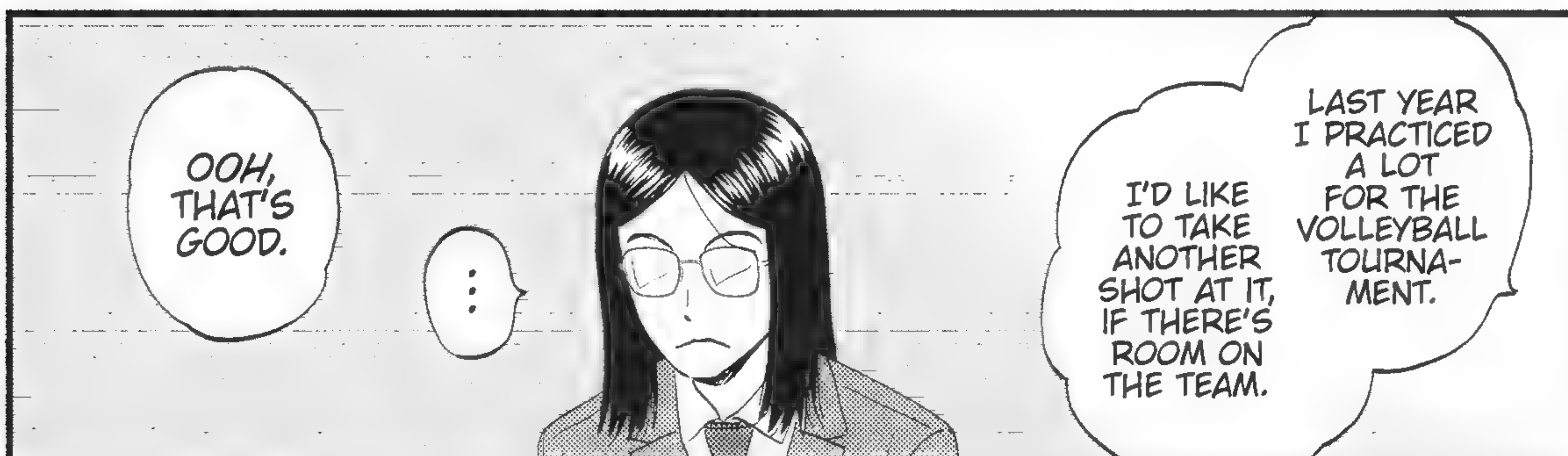
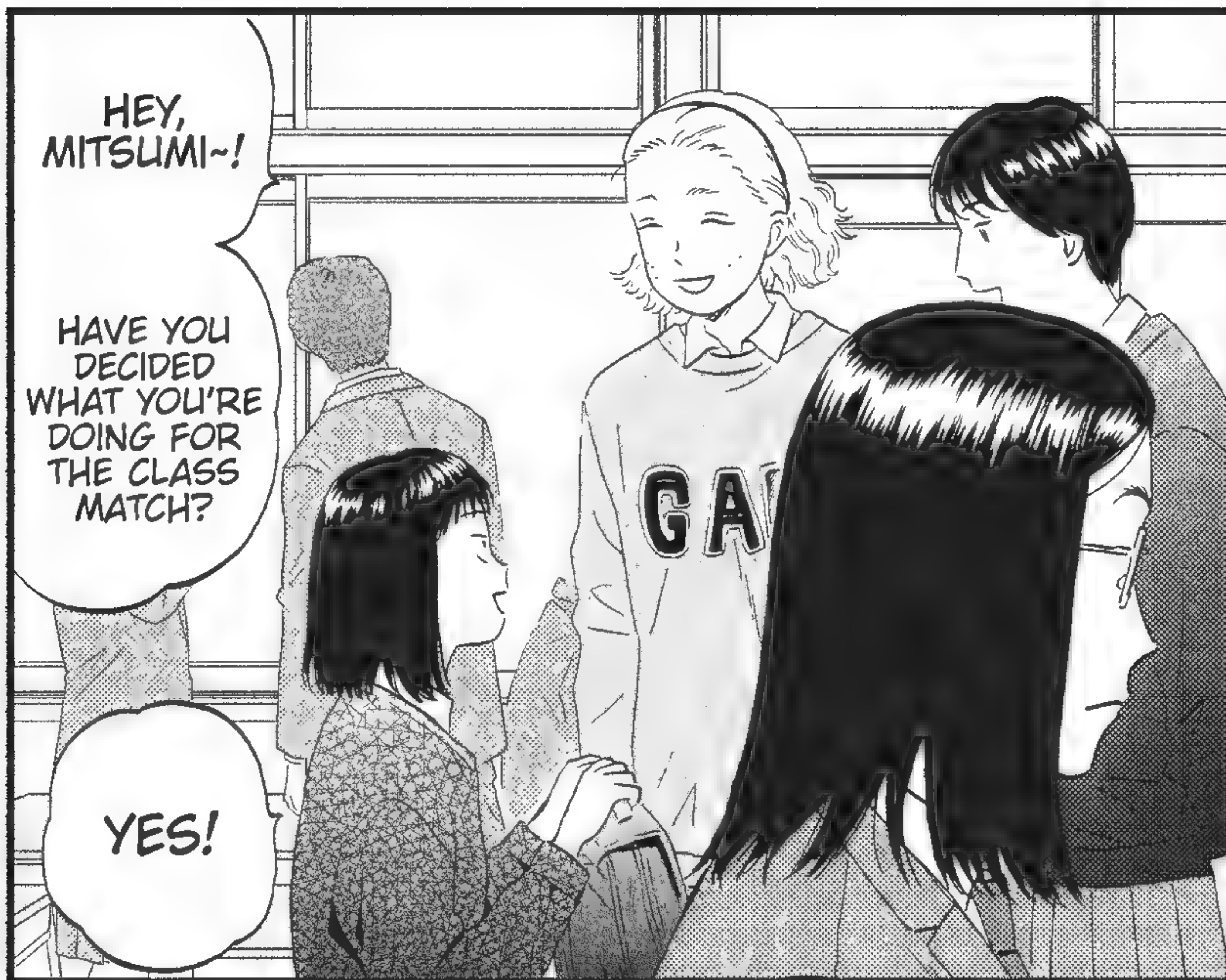
After that
is the
president
election...

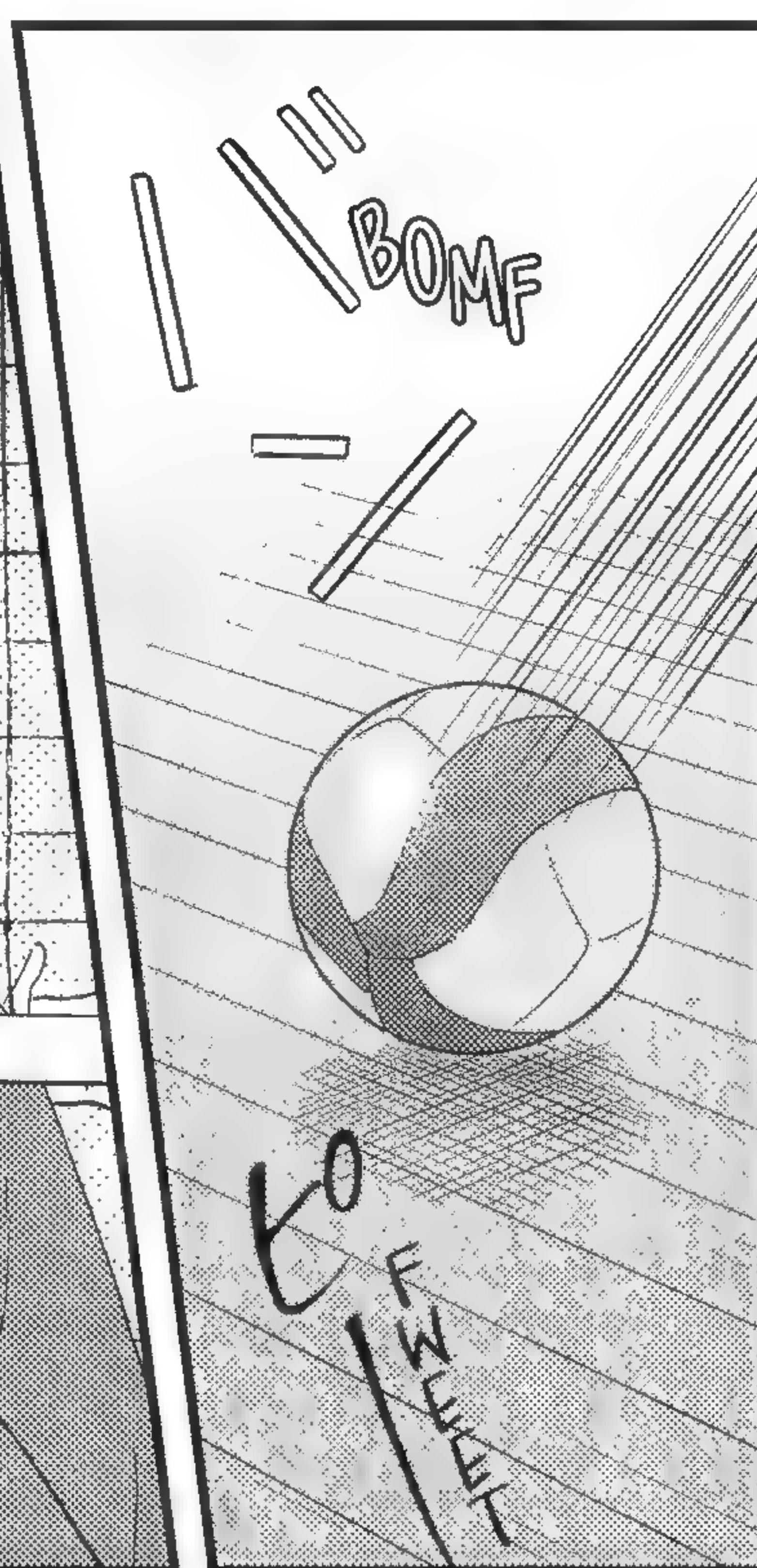
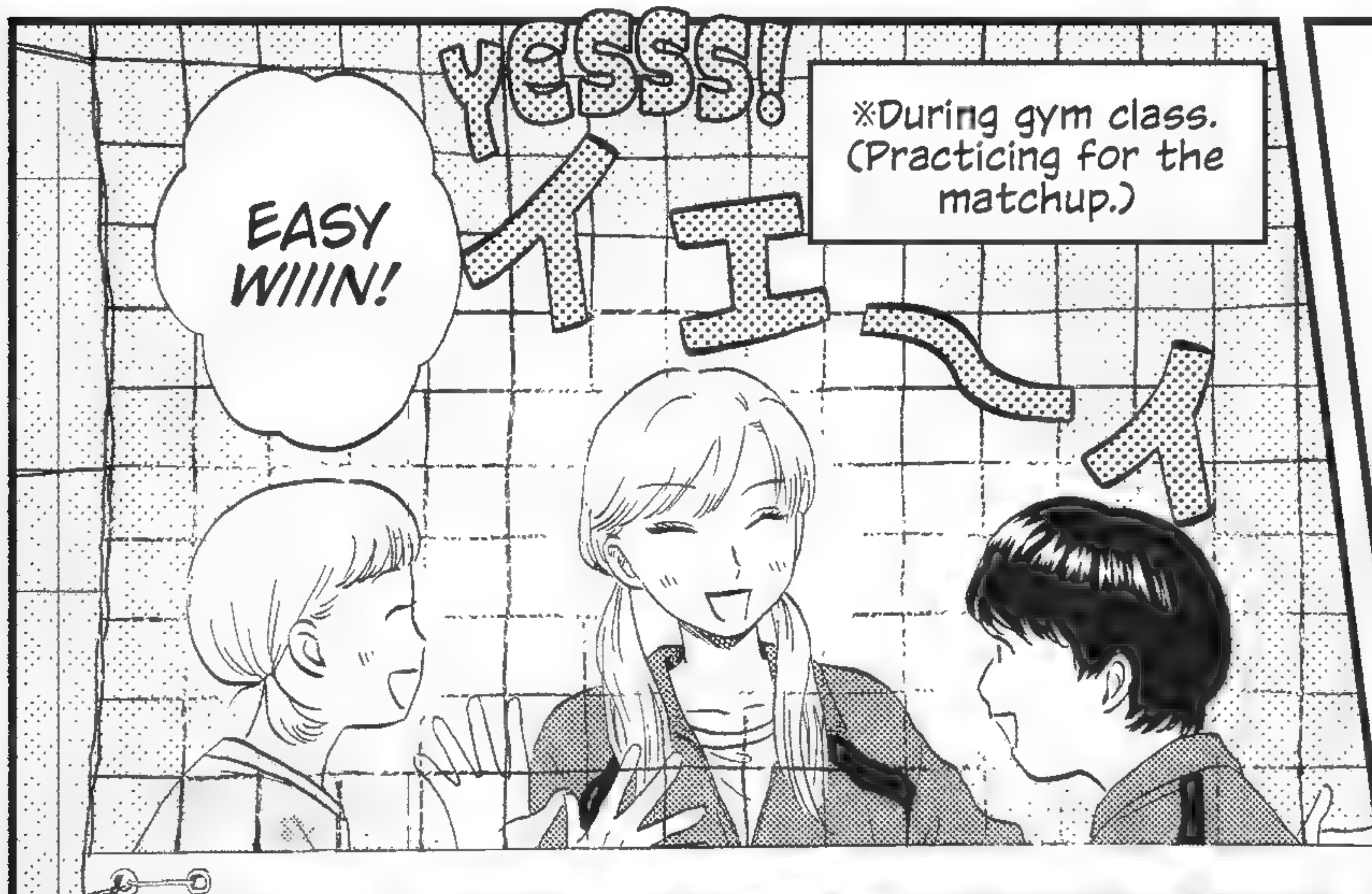
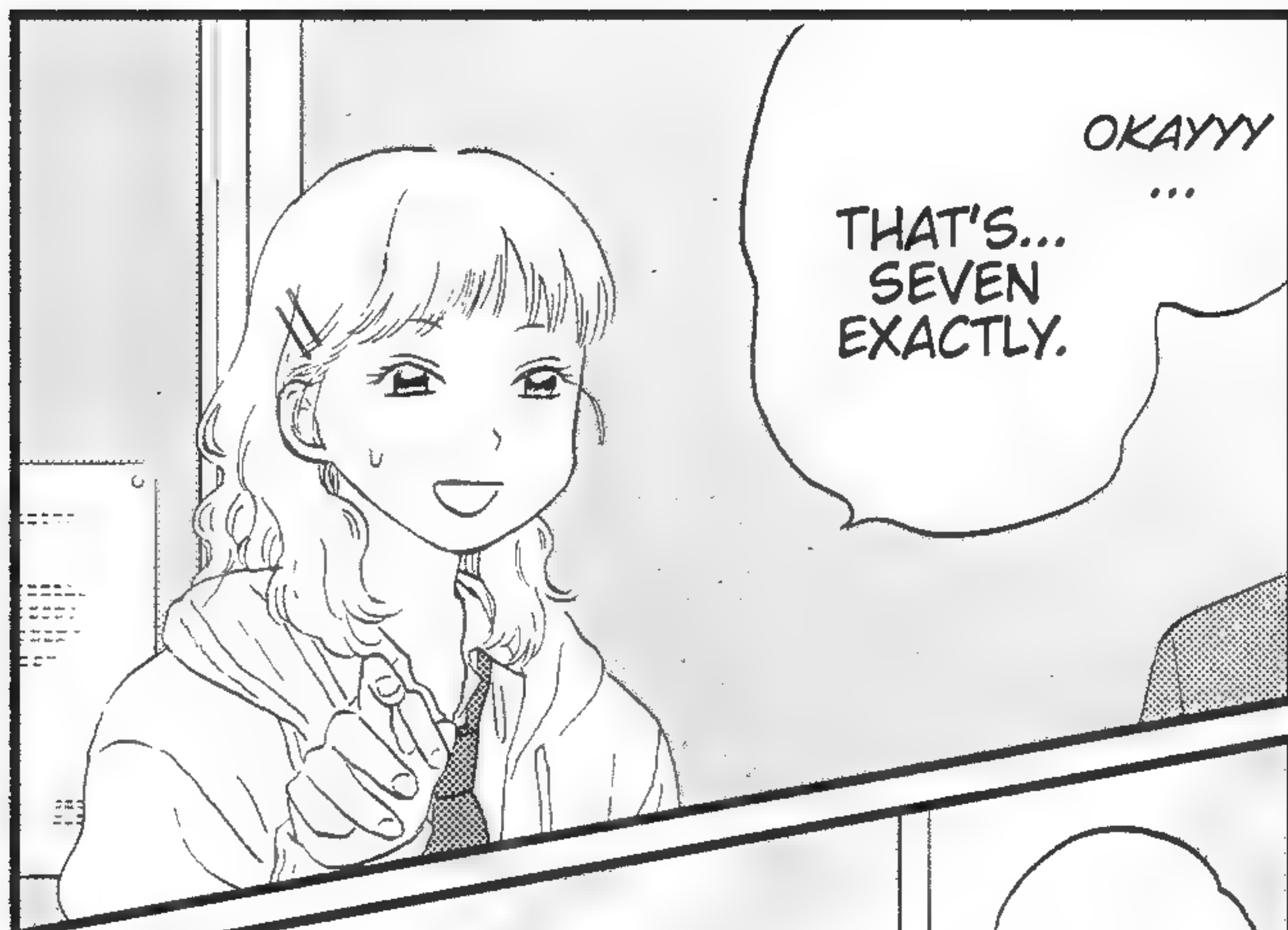
But if
I keep
making
excuses,
I might
regret it.

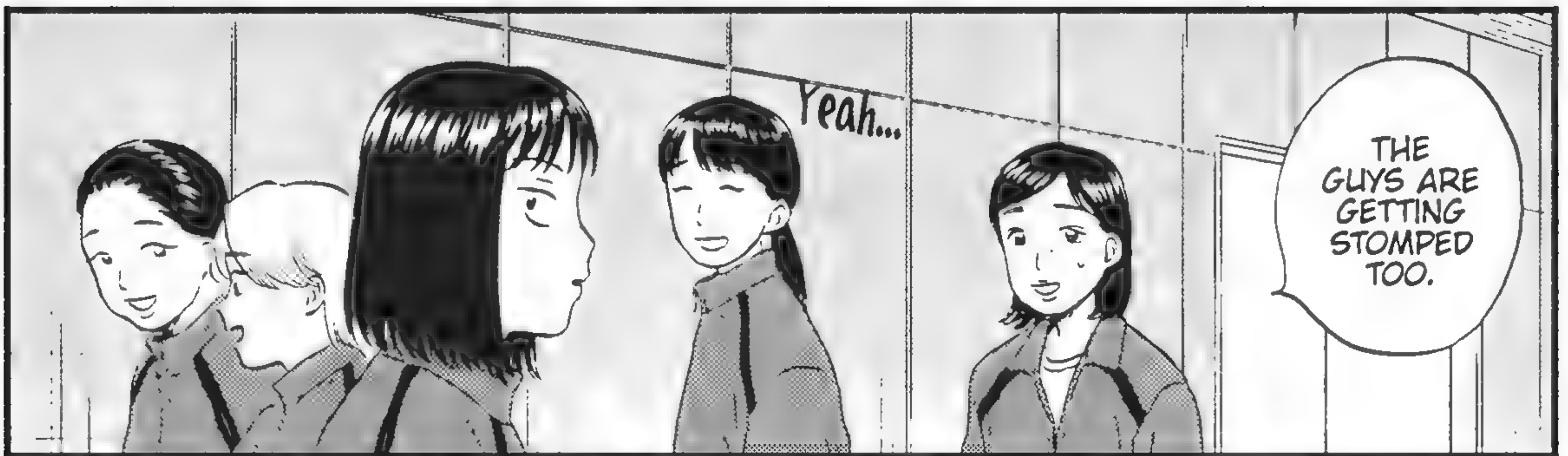


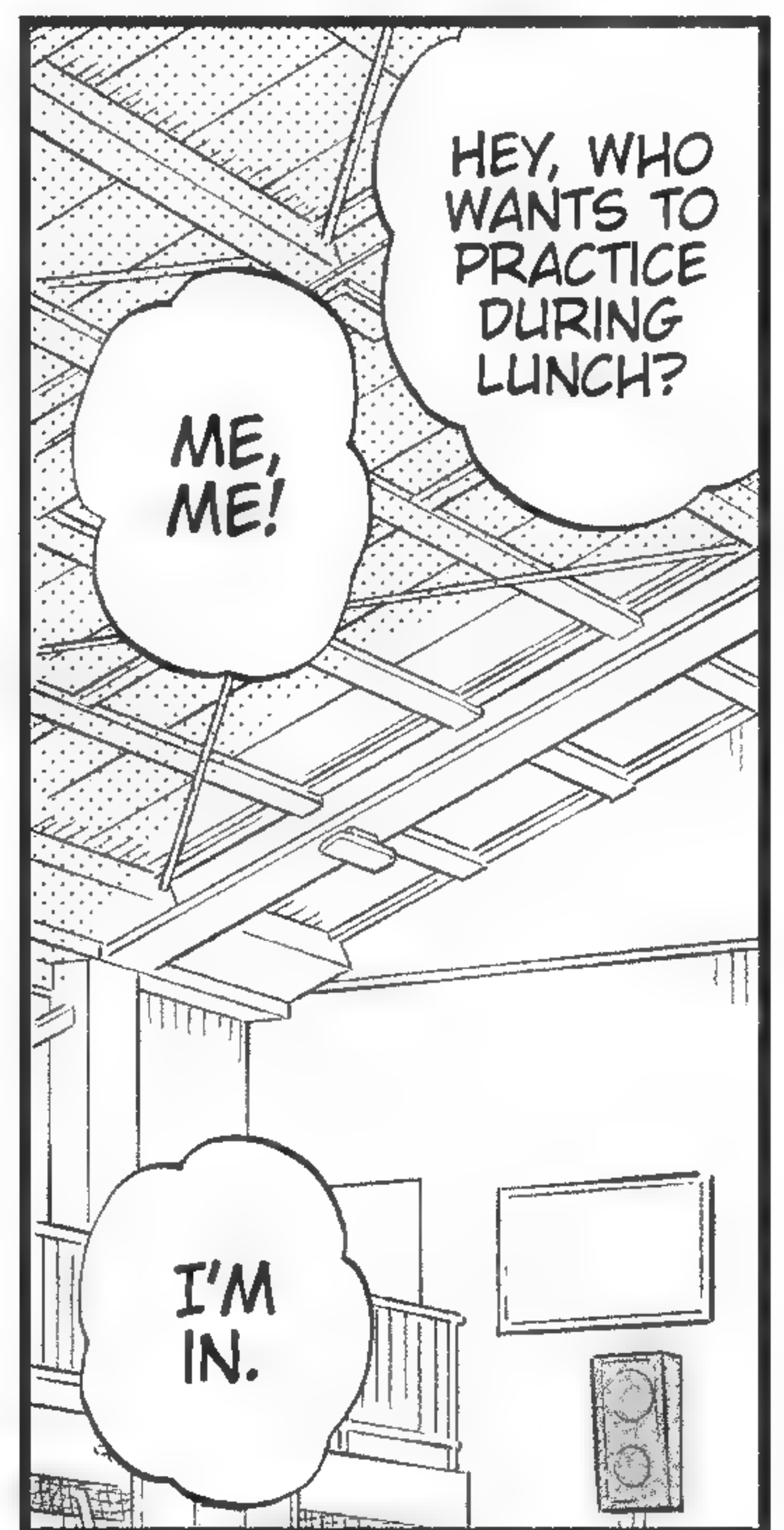
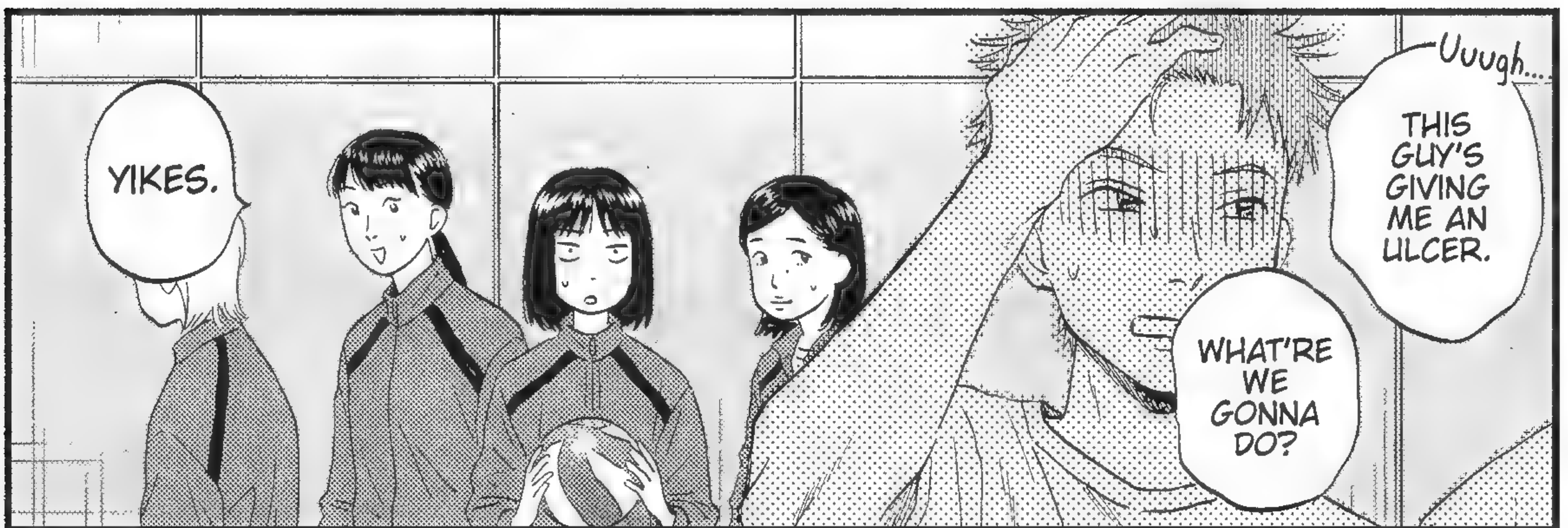
He said
he already
had a
girlfriend
in junior
high,
right?!

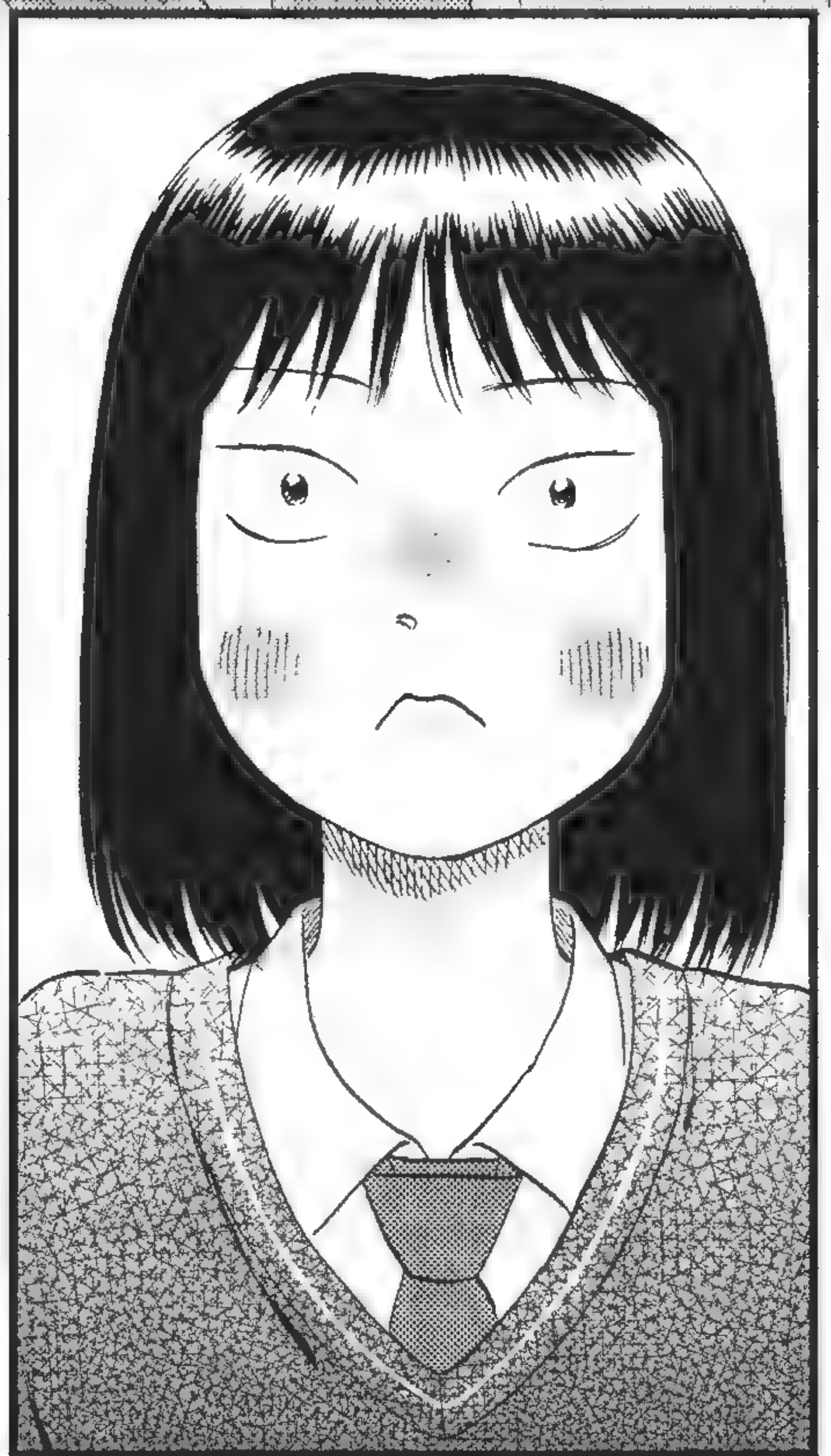
He could
definitely
get one
in high
school!

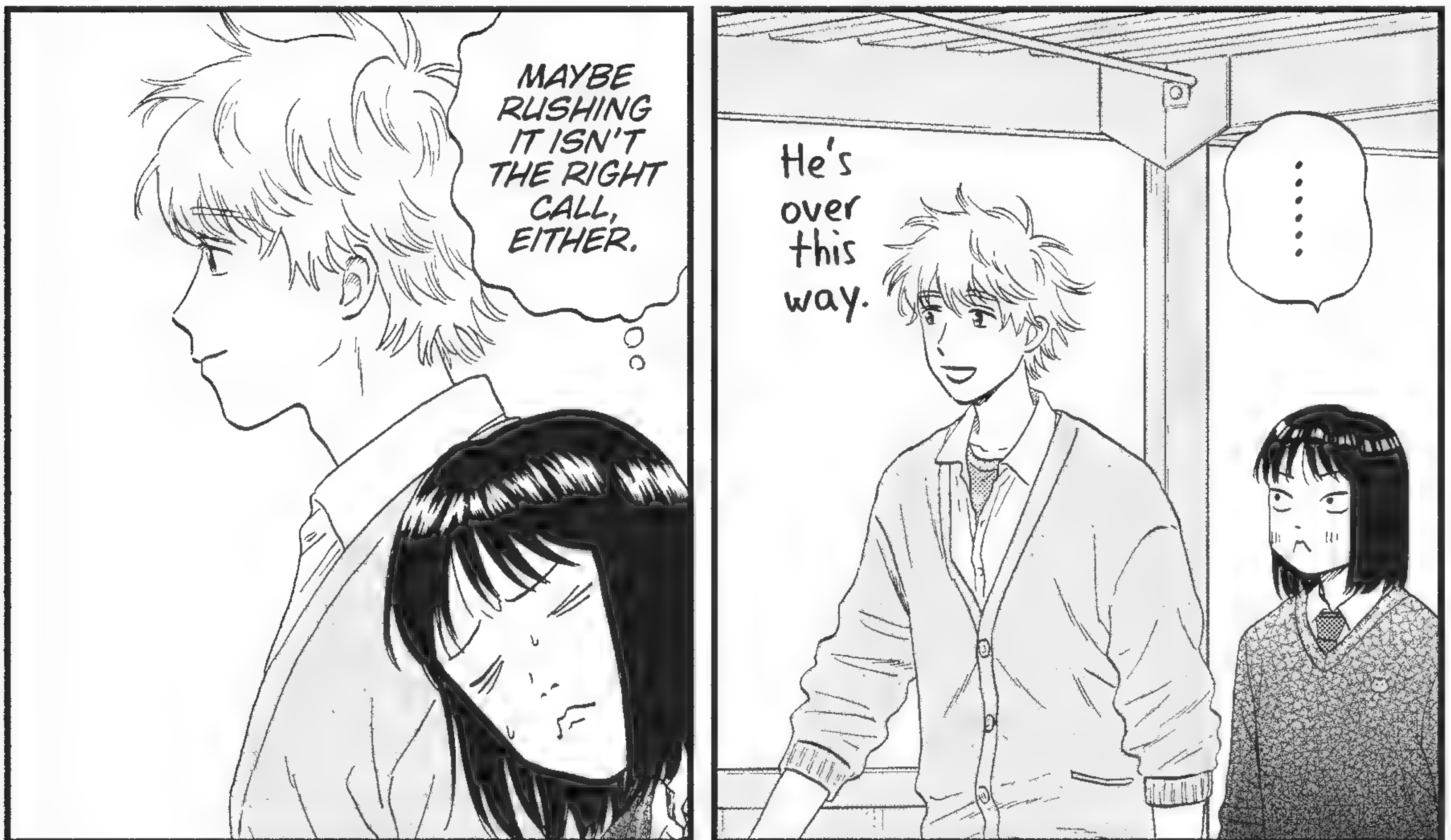
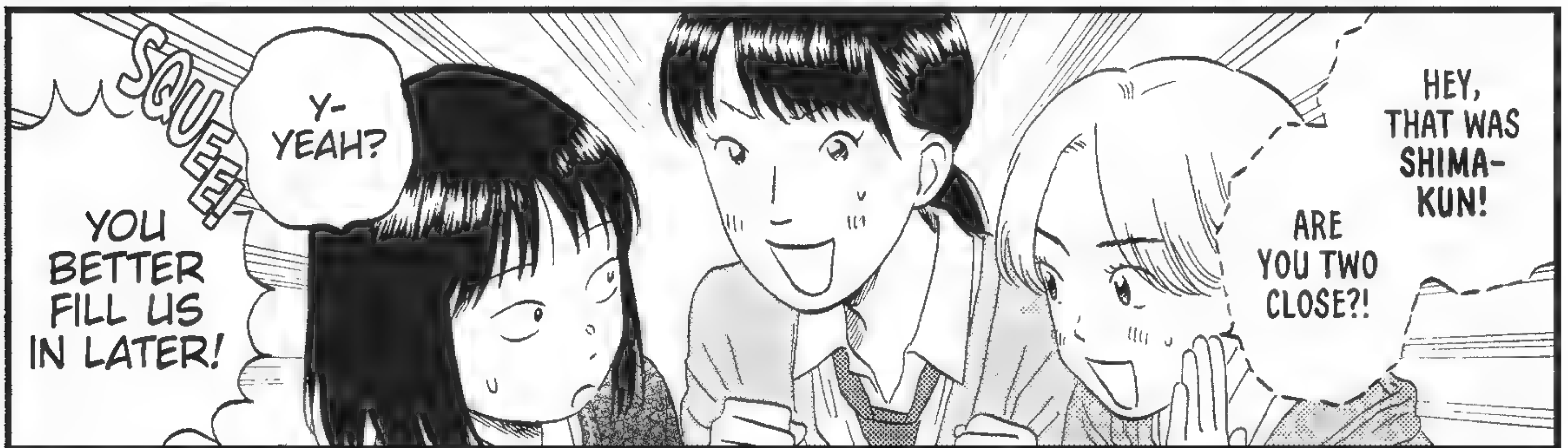
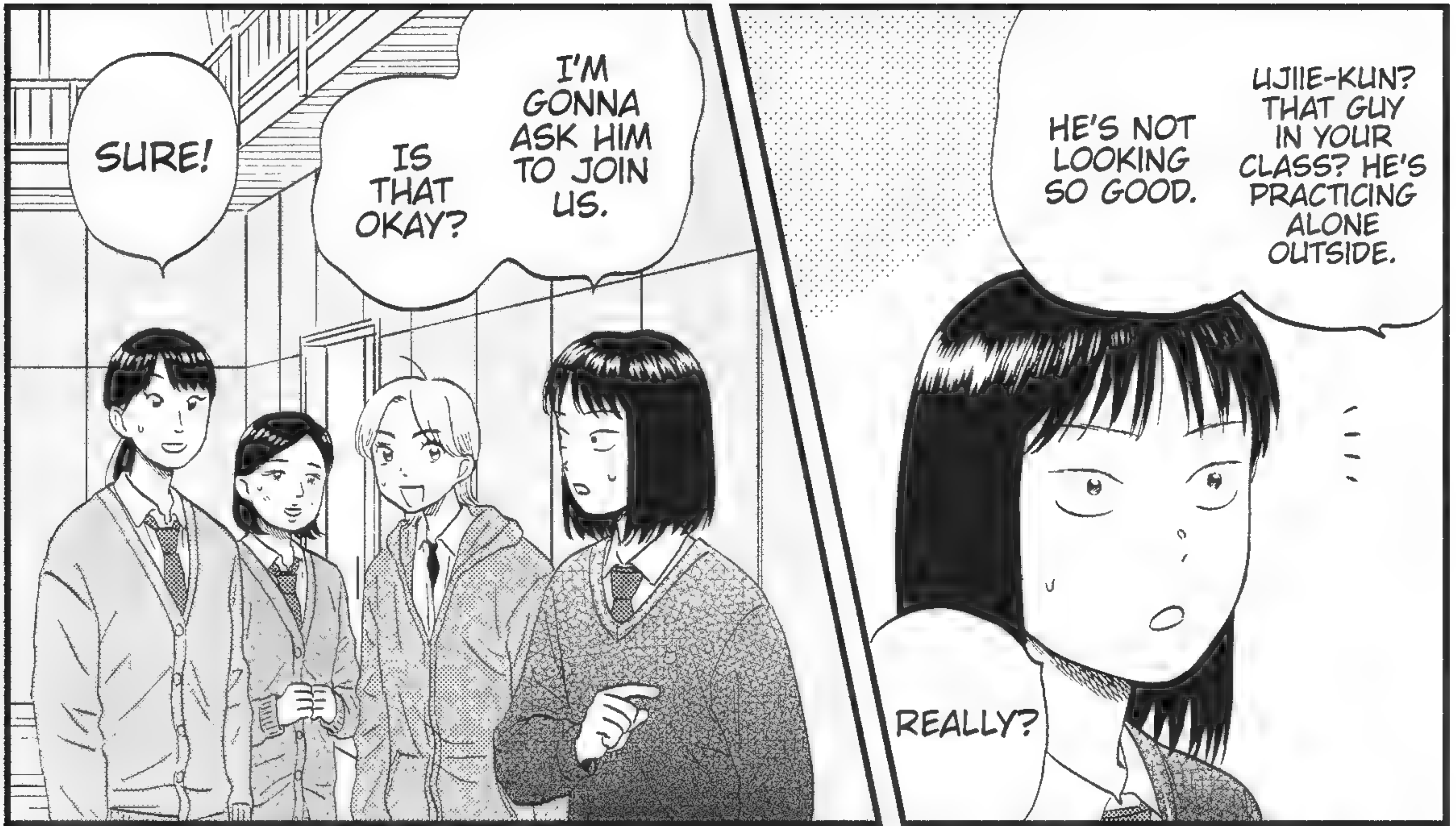














*That I
know him
better
than all
the rest.*

*That I
like him,
but not
because
he's cool
and
popular.*

*I want to
believe I'm
special.*

*Maybe
...*



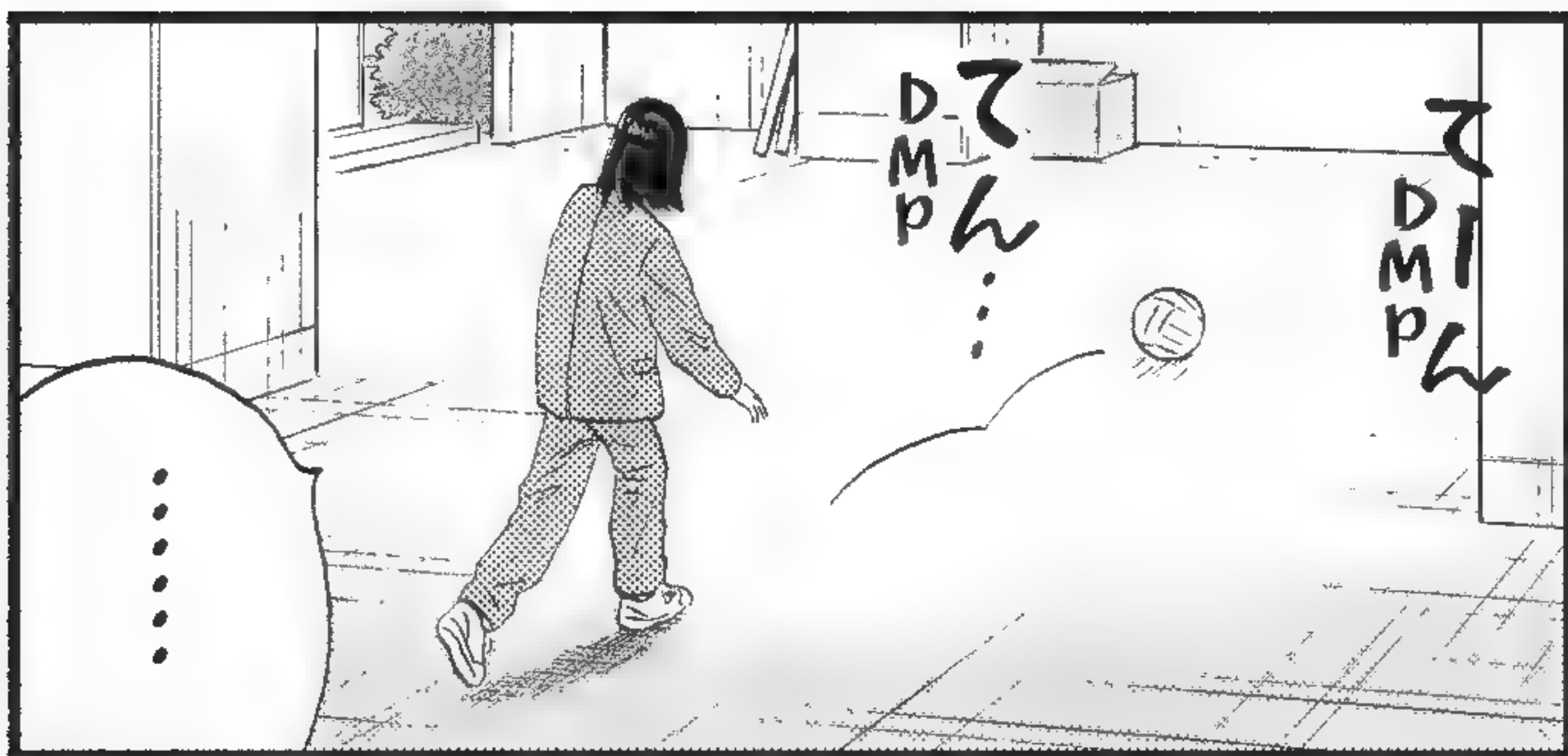
*because
of my
fear.*

*Maybe I'm
just making
excuses
not to tell
him...*



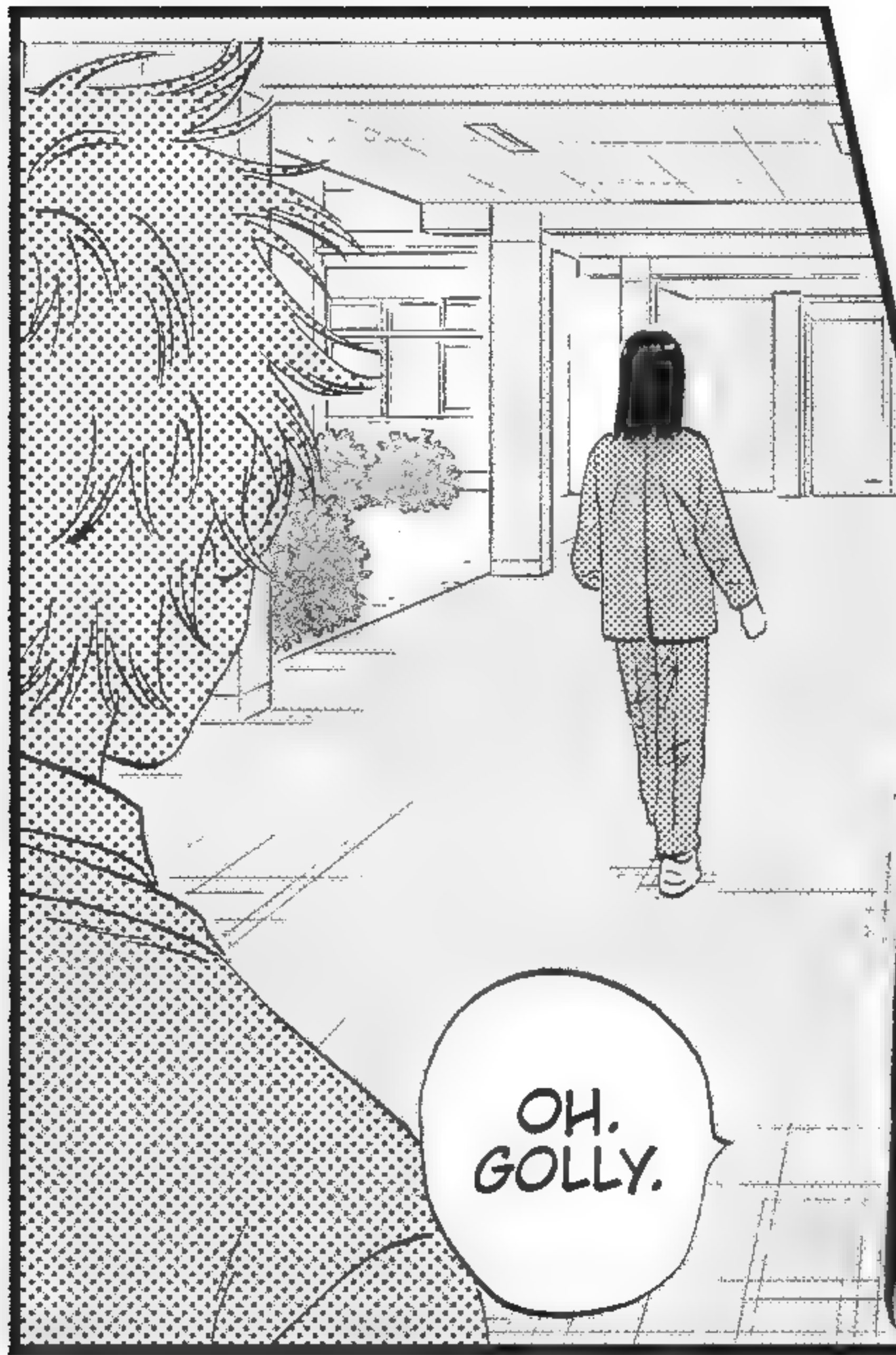
*I'M
SECOND-
GUESSING
MYSELF ALL
OVER THE
PLACE!*

Ugh...

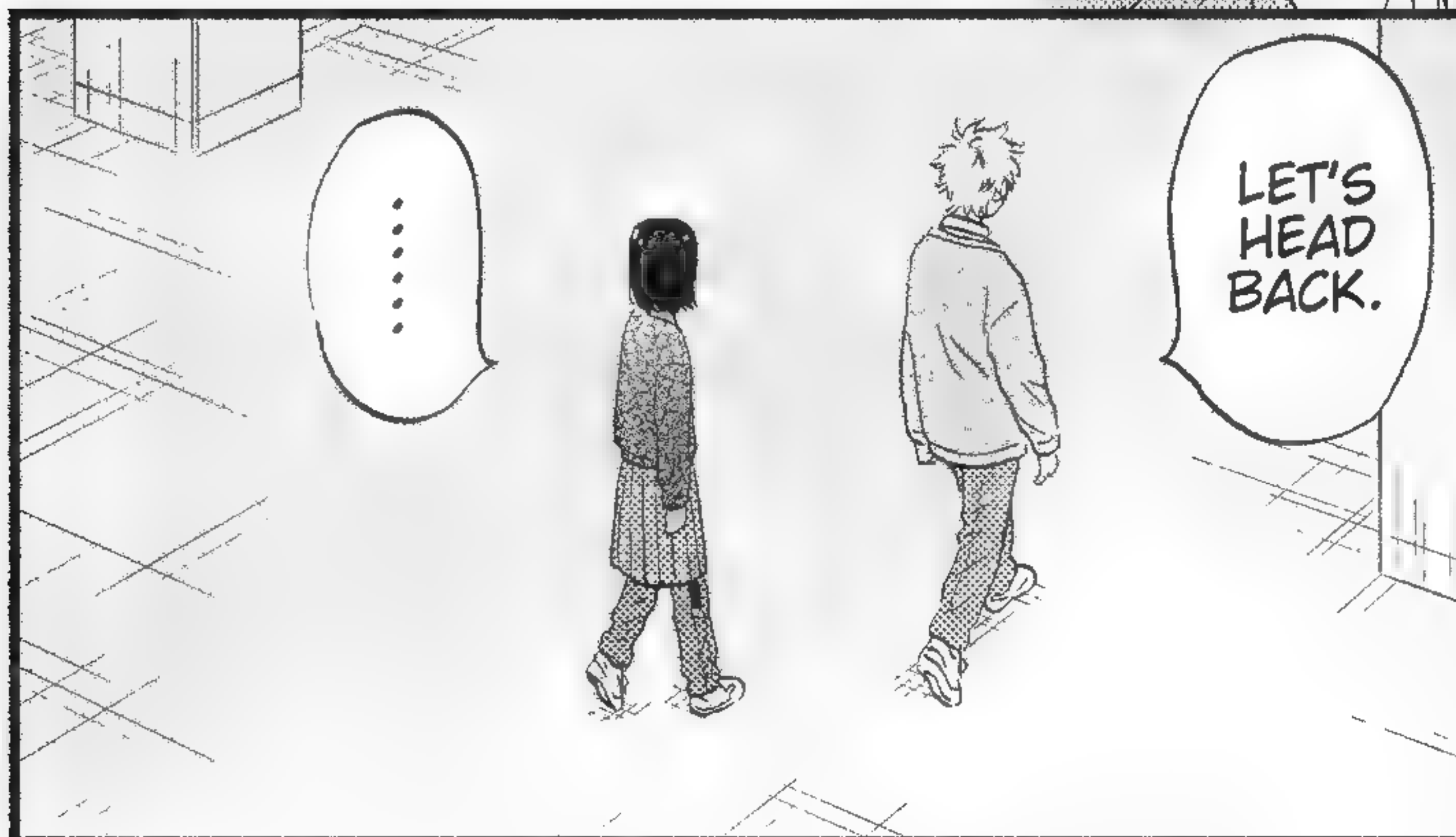








OH.
GOLLY.



...

LET'S
HEAD
BACK.



HUH?

YOU'RE
SUCH A
GOOD GUY,
SHIMA-
KUN.

I WAS
TOO MAD
TO SAY
ANYTHING
NICE TO
HIM.



HE
WAS JUST
LASHING OUT.
I'M SURE
HE DIDN'T
MEAN IT.

YOU ALL
RIGHT?

Y-YEAH,
I'M
OKAY.



YOU CAN'T
GET MAD AT
SOMEONE IF
YOU DON'T
EVEN CARE
ABOUT THEM,
YOU KNOW?

AND I
DON'T CARE
ABOUT HIM.

I JUST
SAID WHAT
HE WANTED
TO HEAR.



I NEED
TO WORK
ON BEING
A BETTER
PERSON!

I DIDN'T
SAY THAT
TO BE THE
BIGGER
GUY.



STILL,
I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU
GET MAD.

YEAH,
WELL...

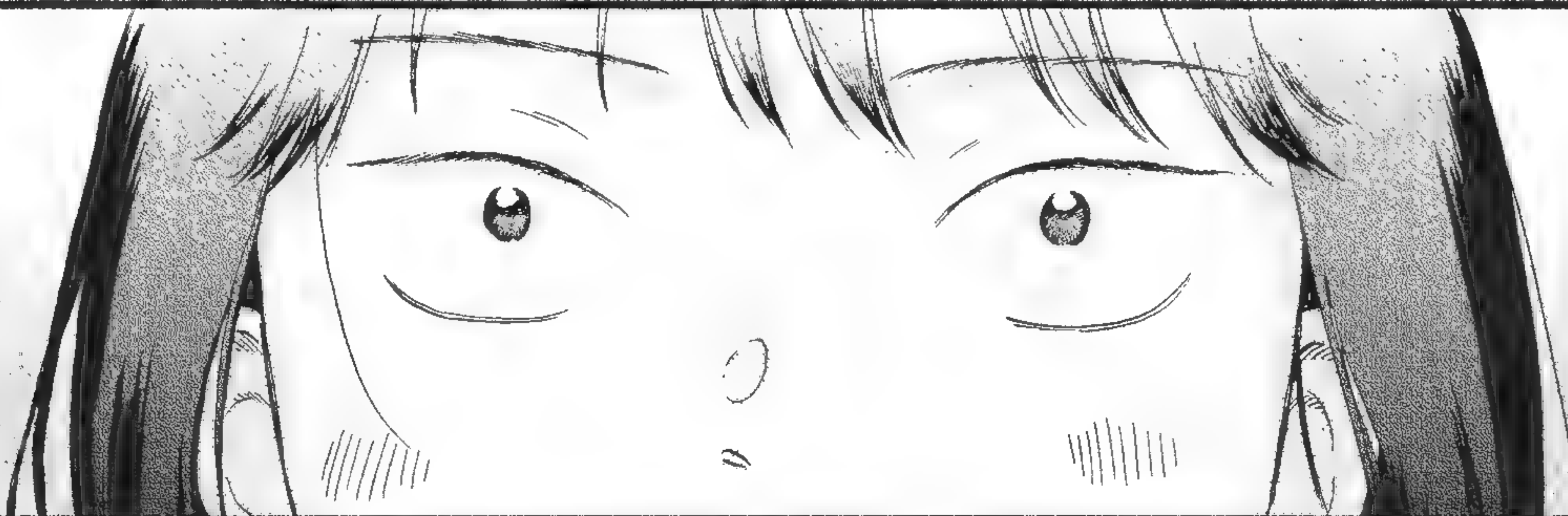
*If he
didn't
care, he
wouldn't
have told
me.*

*"UJIE-KUN?
THAT GUY IN
YOUR CLASS?
HE'S PRACTICING
ALONE
OUTSIDE."*

*He is a
good
person.*



*I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
TRUE.*



*The way
he talks,
as if to
push you
away...*

*those are
parts of
him that I'm
attracted
to.*

*his strange
lack of
confidence...*

*But I
know that
if I let
this end
without
telling him
how I
feel...*

*I don't
know if I
want him
as my
boyfriend.*

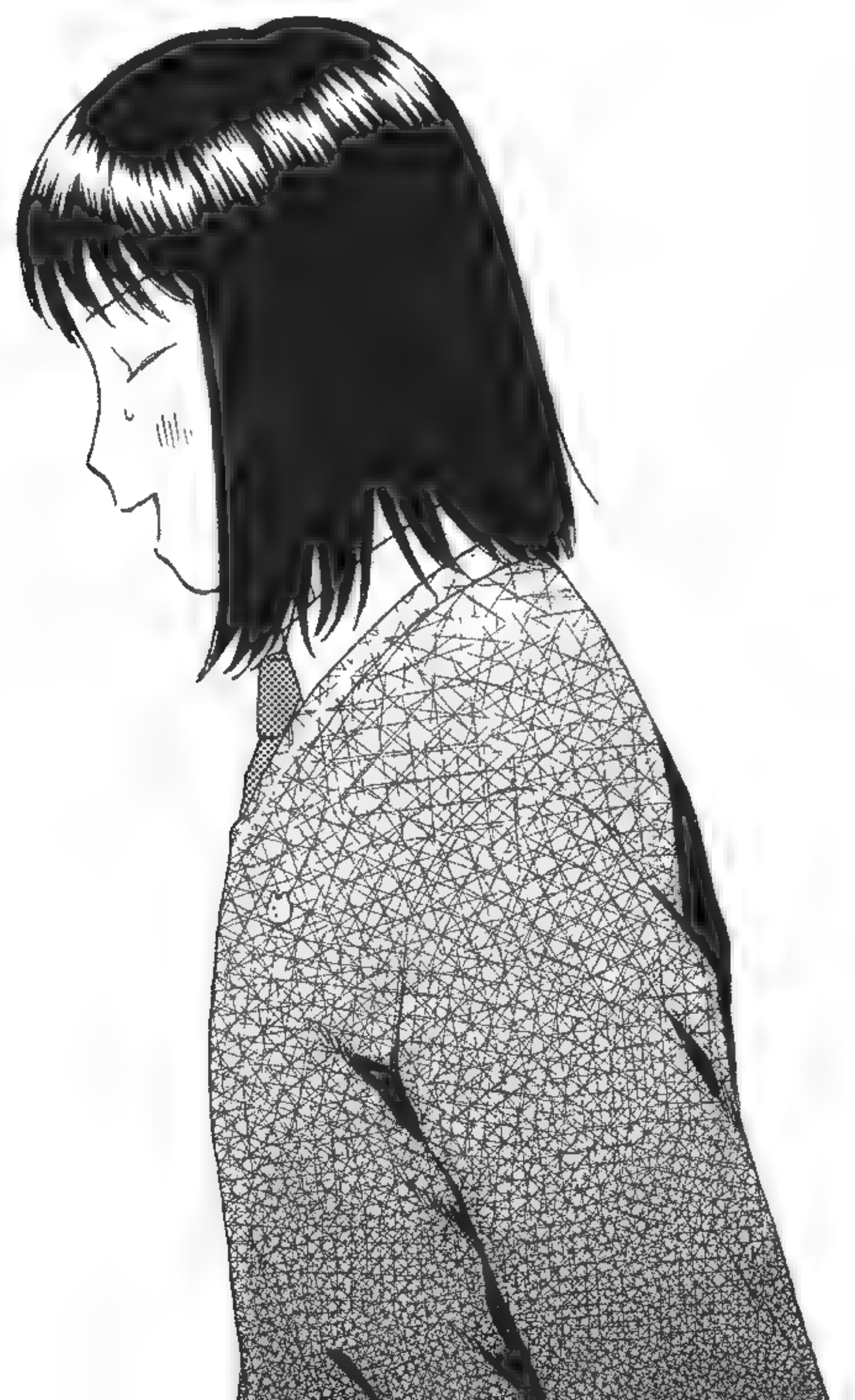
*I'll always
regret it.*


TH...



SHIMA-
KUN.

THAT'S
WHAT I
LOVE
ABOUT
YOU...





AND OF
COURSE I
PHRASED IT
IN A WAY I
COULD
HANDWAVE
ASIDE.

I'M A
COWA...

LGH.





BWOF

*What
have I
done?*

Oh no.

AH...

HUH?

*UH...
MMM?*

*He saw
right
through
me. I can't
talk my
way out
of--*

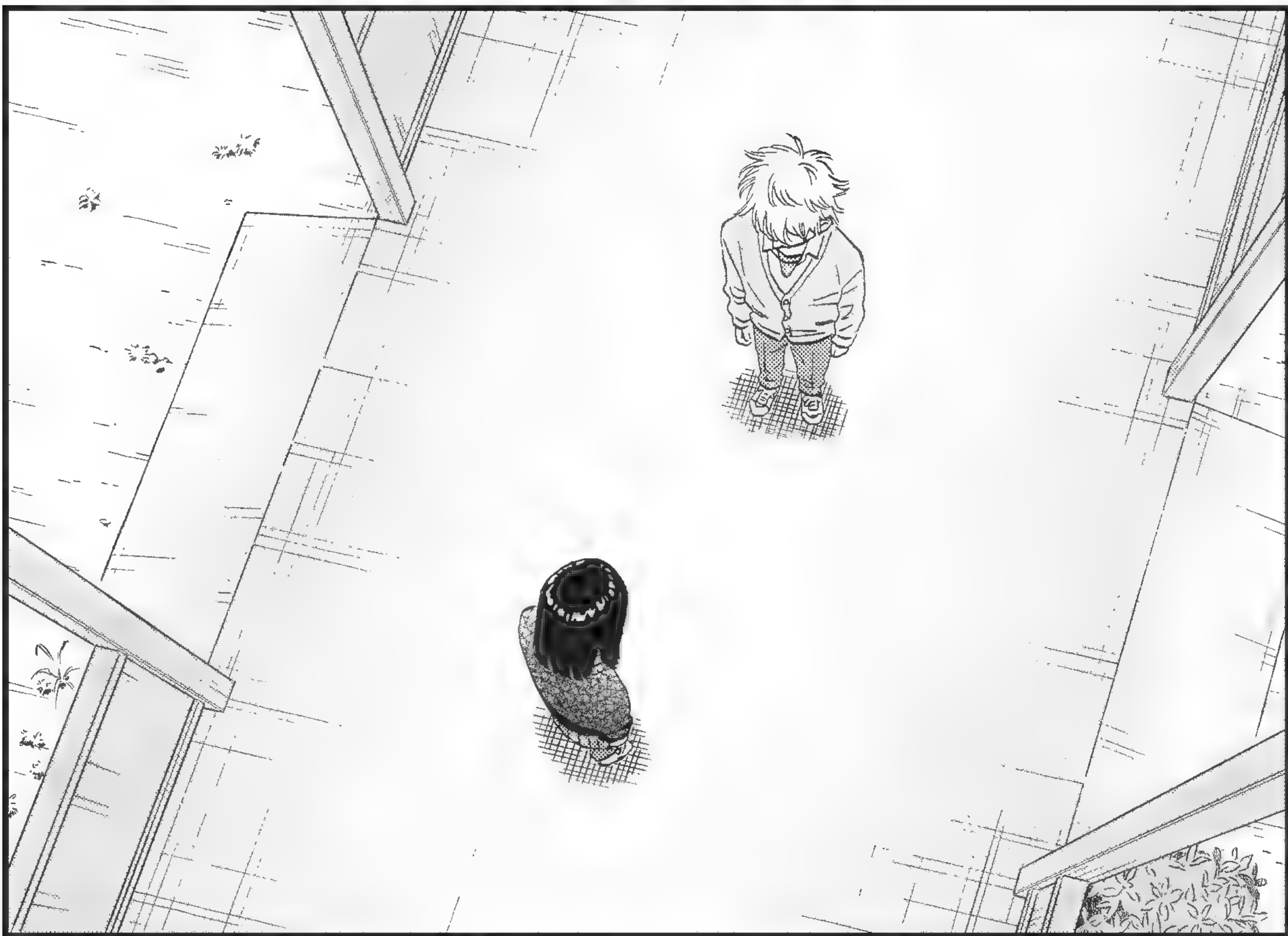
YOU...

DO?

*OKAAAY,
THEN.*

YOU
WANT
TO TRY
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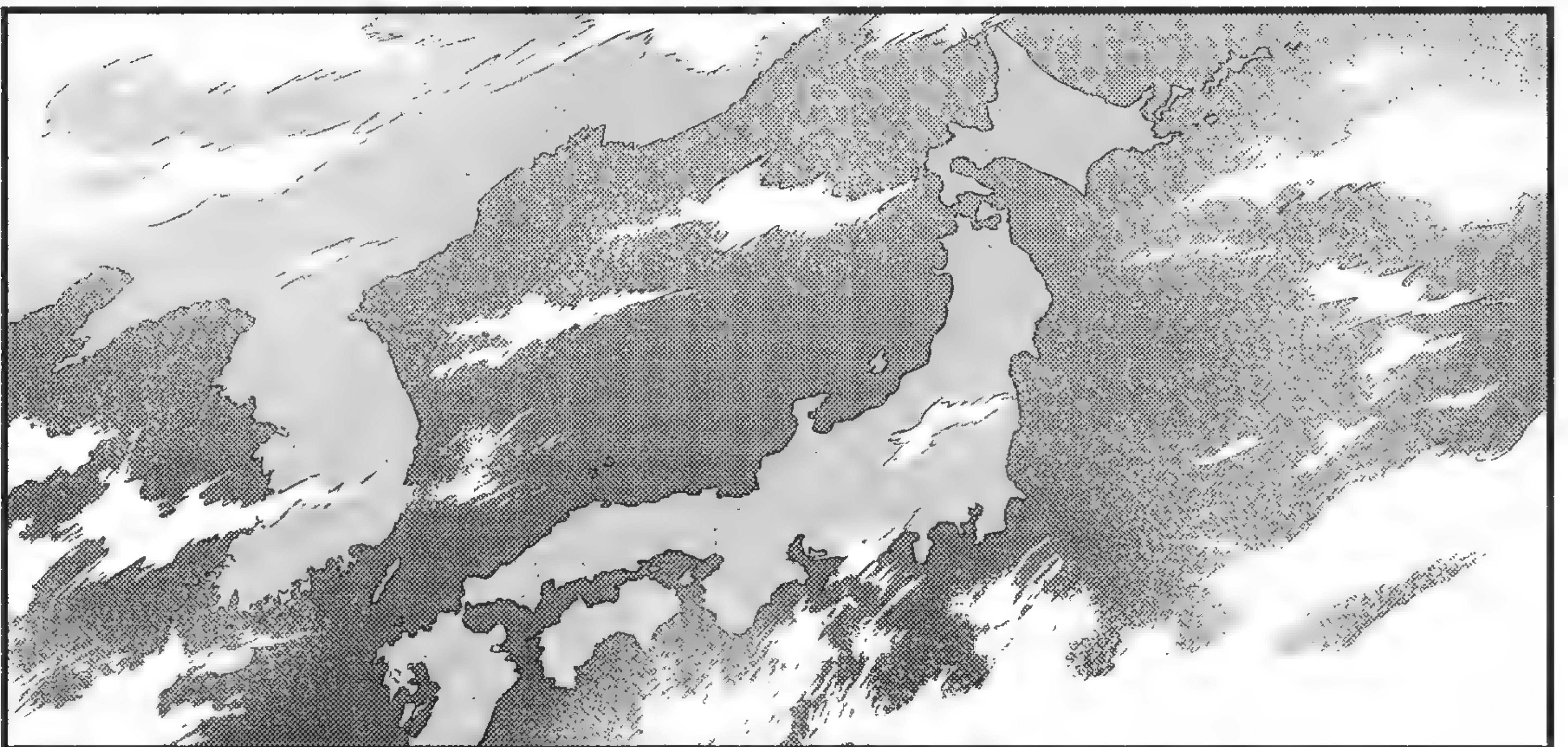
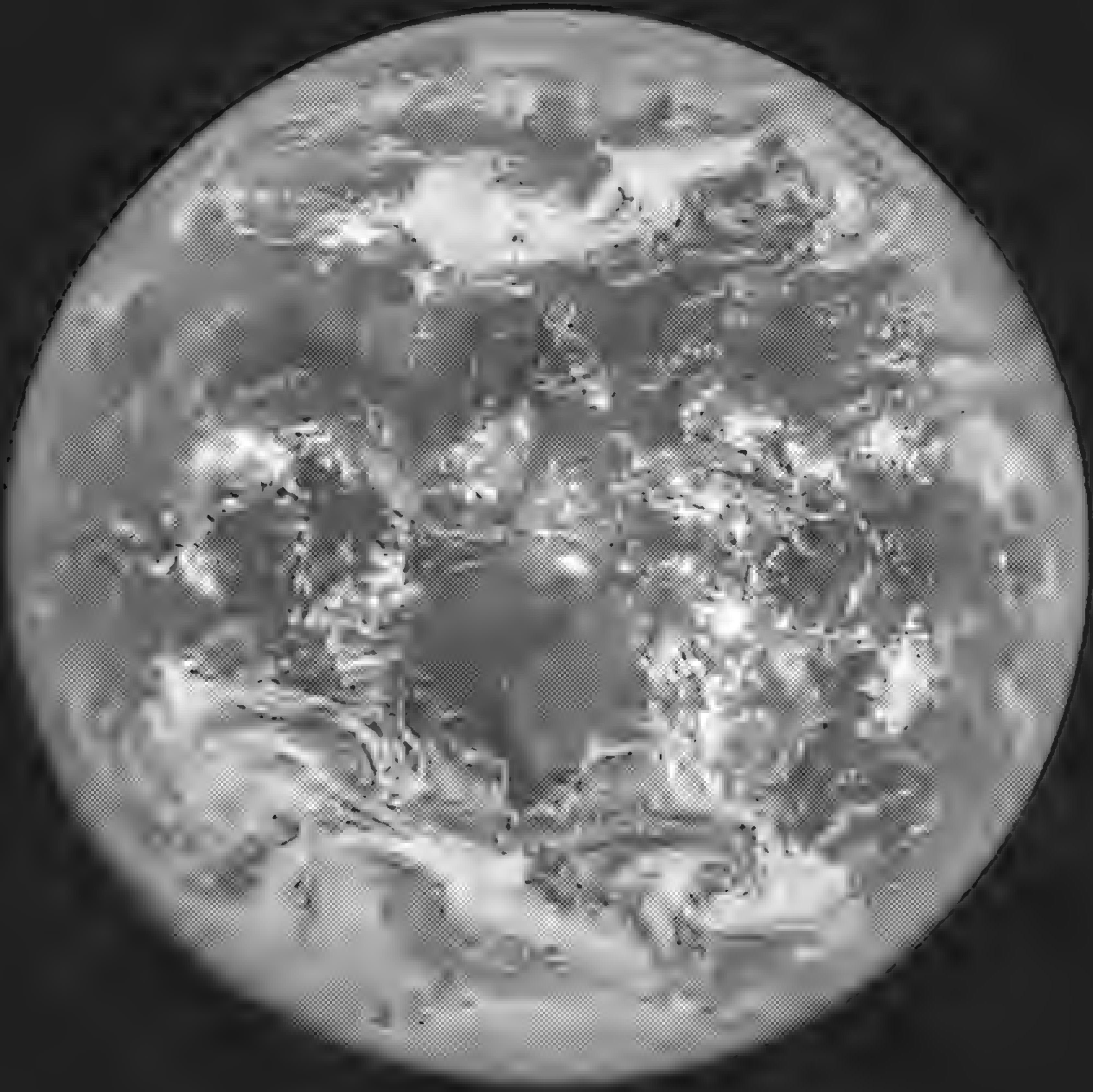


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What?



Ujiie-kun ㊦



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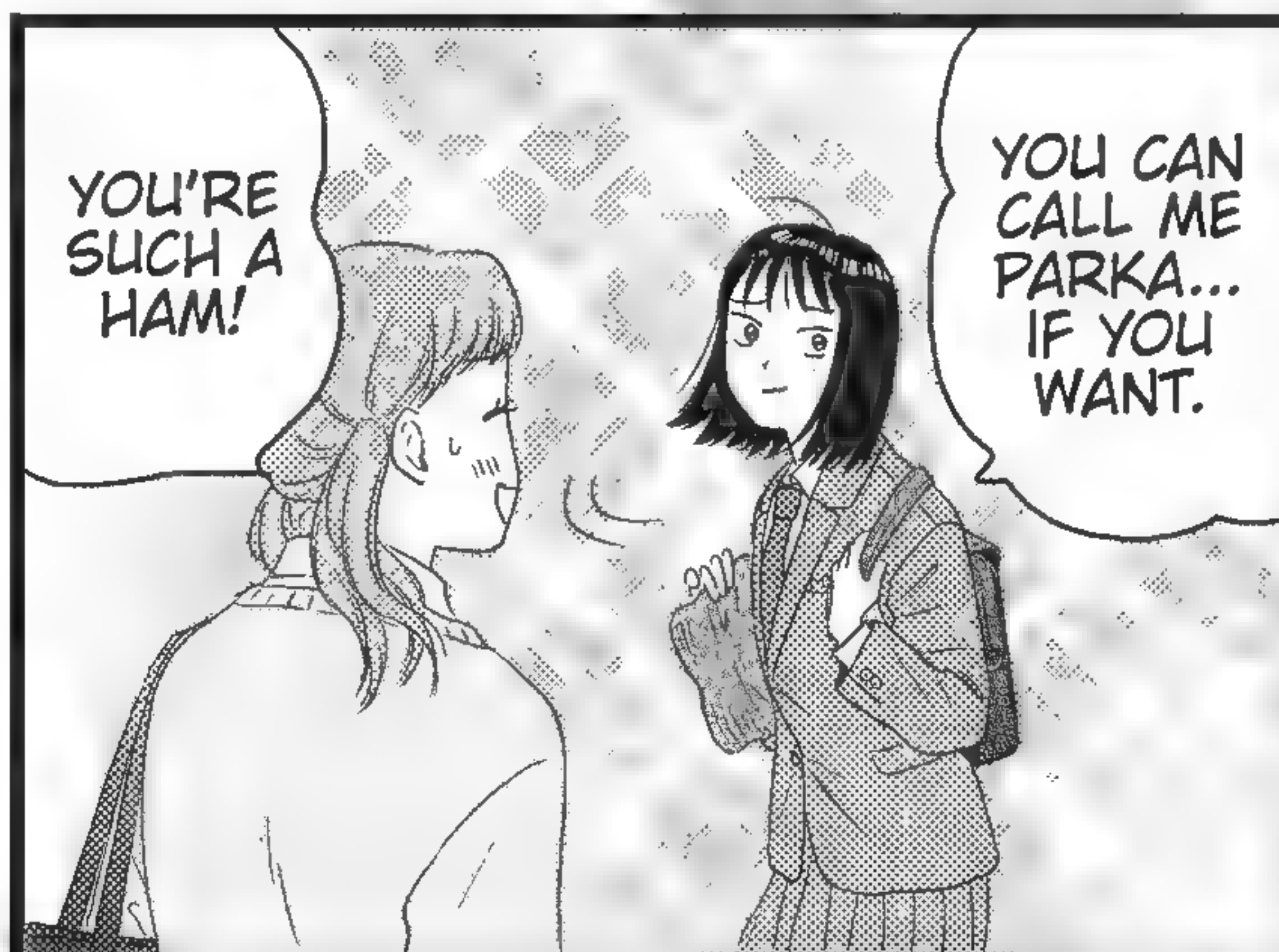
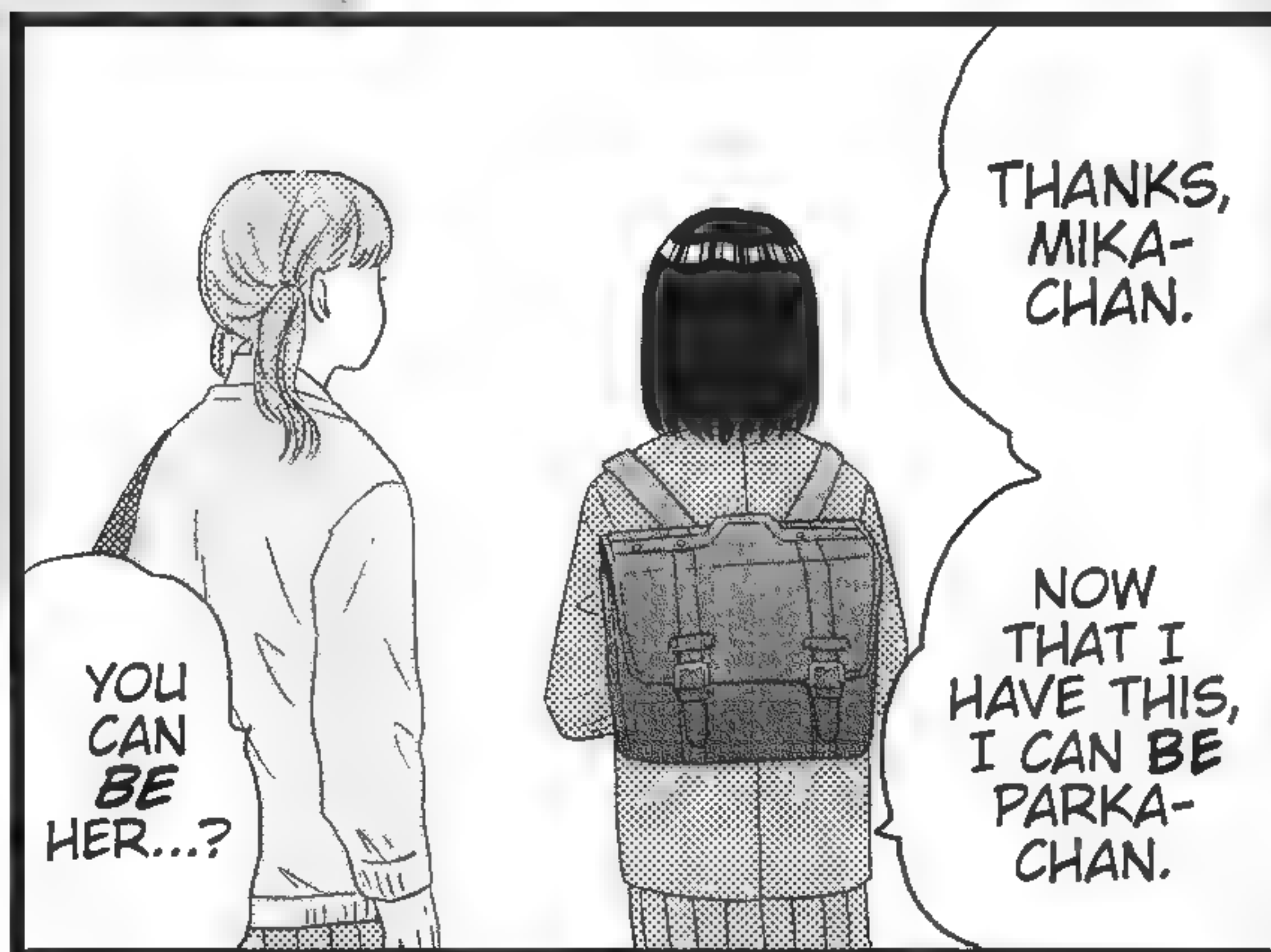
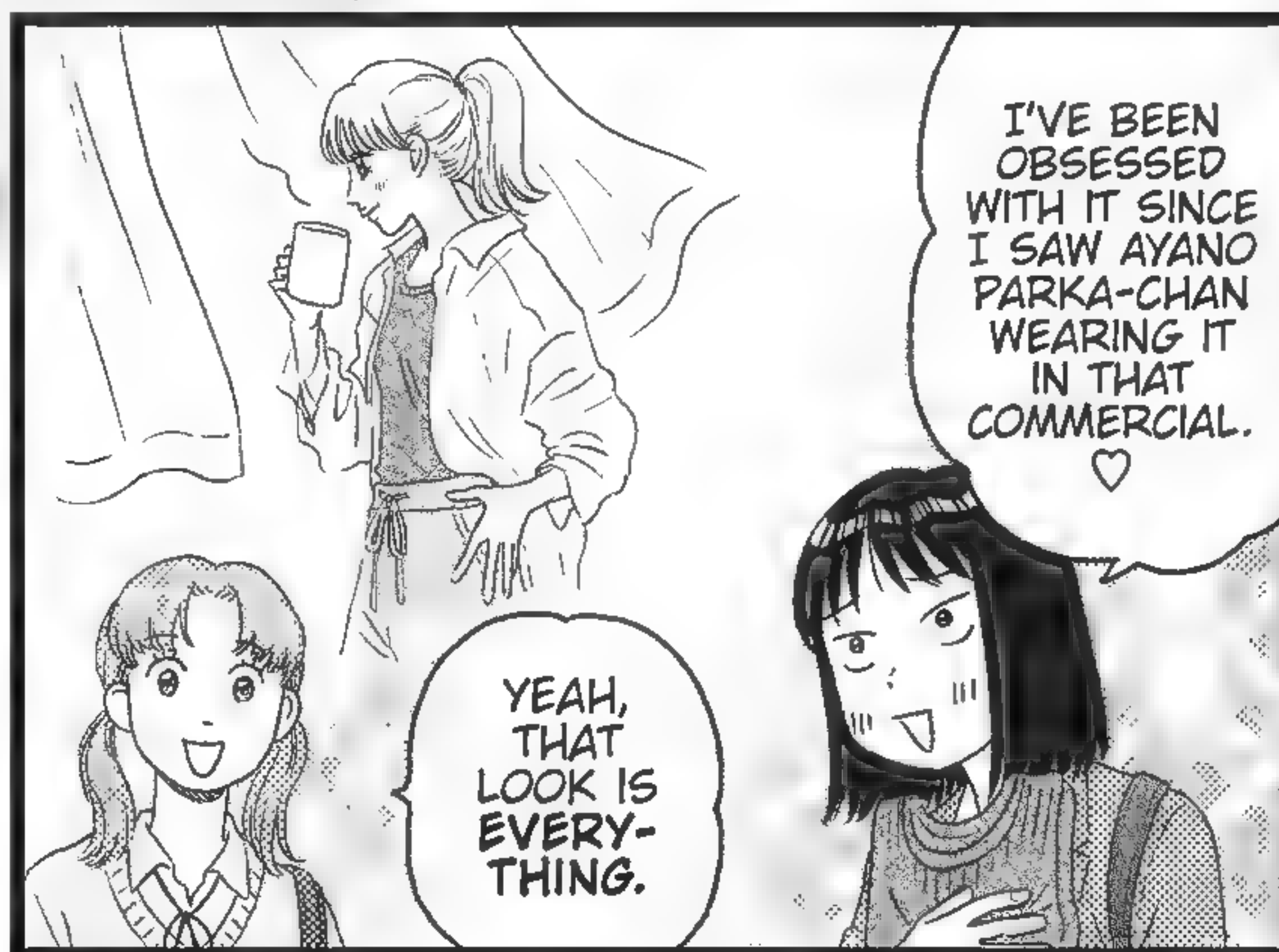
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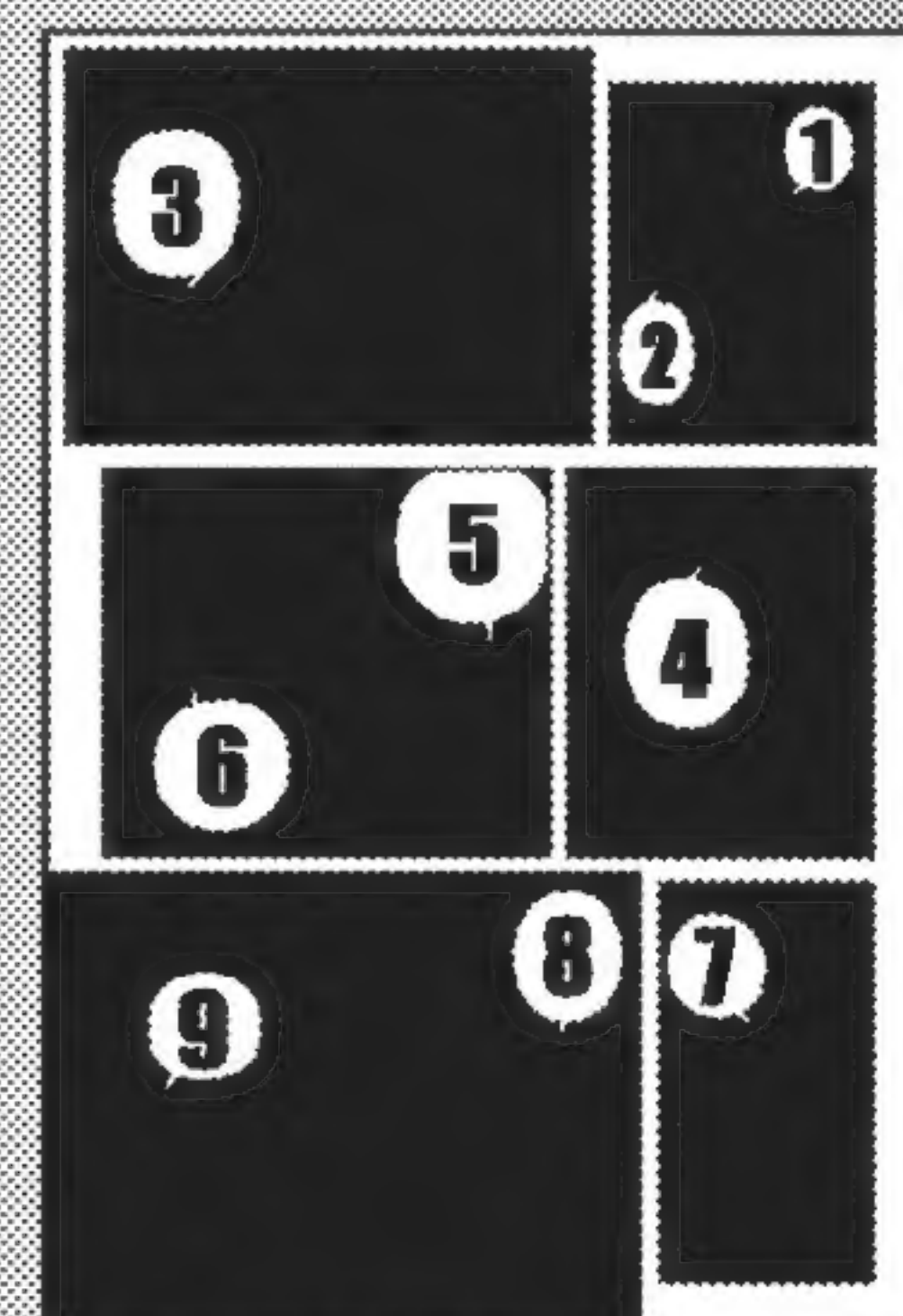
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